



# CALLS MADE FOR SAFETY SURVEY

Report by Naomi Penrose

**CALLS have been made for a safety investigation into the state of Oswestry's town centre buildings after a lump of concrete fell from the roof of a shop.**

Scaffolding has now gone up to protect shoppers after the concrete fell from the Sports Direct shop in Cross Street on Saturday.

A petition has been launched calling for urgent investigations to be made to ensure the safety of buildings in the town's main shopping areas. Campaigner John Waine, who set up the petition, said: "This was a shocking incident. It really doesn't bear thinking about what could have happened. We need to be more proactive, and not wait till something like this happens before action is taken." Mr Waine, who also organises Oswestry Food Festival, added: "As well as the town's everyday activities, we have a season of street festivals



The concrete fell at the Sports Direct shop

## Fresh concerns over one-way traffic system

A COUNCILLOR has demanded action "once and for all" on Welshpool's controversial one-way system after a motorist was caught driving the wrong way.

Councillor Phil Pritchard has spoken out after police in the town reported the motorist for driving the wrong way on Monday morning.

"It's very, very misleading for motorists, the way the system is, and as well as that the signs are not positioned for people to see them straight away. The system creates a lot of confusion," he said.

"Someone's going to get hurt eventually, it needs attending to urgently, once and for all." However, Councillor Pritchard said he was hopeful a final report examining the road system would be completed in the "next couple of months".

The report comes following a visit to the town from Welsh Government transport minister Edwina Hart last year, when she pledged to ask officers to look at alterations, including the prospect of returning Brook Street to a two-way carriageway. A spokesman for Dyfed-Powys Police confirmed the offence occurred on Brook Street at about 11.45am and the motorist was subsequently reported.

and markets coming up too." A request for a structural survey has been sent by Oswestry Town Council to Shropshire Council. The town council has been pushing for improvements to buildings in Cross Street for several years. Oswestry Mayor Peter Cherrington said: "I was walking there at around 2pm on Saturday, after going along to the health awareness day at the library, so I do find it worrying that not long after, this happened

### Incident

"Unfortunately this incident doesn't help the public's view on Cross Street at all but as a town council we have been pushing this for years."

Former Oswestry Mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, said: "This demonstrates that we need to put more pressure on owners of these buildings to protect not only the buildings but the safety of the public."

Charlotte Parry, who signed the petition, said: "I saw this falling as we were heading to Sports Direct, it could have easily fallen on my six-month-old baby, partner or myself."

The fresh calls for an investigation into the state of town centre buildings come as moves to improve the area through Oswestry becoming a Business Improvement District (BID) took a step forward this week.

Members of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, Oswestry Town Council, and Shropshire Council met a representative from the BID UK organisation on Monday to discuss the proposal.

The idea would mean a slight increase in rates paid by each business in the area, but the money raised could then bring in matched funding for projects to improve the town centre and attract more visitors.

Town Clerk David Preston said the meeting was a "very valuable information seeking exercise".

He said: "It brought together several significant town centre players. There's a recognition of the potential for establishing a BID but that's subject to considerable work that will be necessary."

Mr Preston said the next stage was for discussions to continue through a local steering group.

## Ukip boss spreads the word



Nigel Farage has a pint and a chat with supporters during his visit to Welshpool. Photo: John Sambrooks.

HE came, he drank beer and did a spot of shopping. Nigel Farage swapped gossip with shoppers during a visit to Welshpool.

And he even had time to inquire about mothballs after popping into Alexanders of Welshpool hardware shop.

The Ukip leader made his rallying cry for people to vote "leave" in the EU Referendum on June 23.

He was also in the town to support Des Parkinson as the party's candidate for the police and crime commissioner election for Dyfed-Powys, as well as campaign for support for Ukip in the Welsh Assembly elections.

But it was the EU referendum that dominated proceedings. After canvassing on Broad Street and chatting to business owners, Mr Parkinson and Mr Farage - with a pint in hand - relaxed and made the most of the afternoon in the town.

In a bid to convince those against voting leave

or those on the fence, Mr Farage made his stance on the Brexit debate clear, even touching on the region's hotly contested issue of what leave will mean for farmers.

Despite NFU Cymru claiming that the interests of Welsh agriculture would be best served by the UK remaining in the EU, Mr Farage argued that was not the case. Mr Farage claimed that being in the EU did not prove advantageous for many businesses in the region, going as far as to say local businesses are bound by a rulebook that isn't needed. He said: "The vast majority of businesses in Mid Wales do not trade with the EU, yet are bound by EU legislation."

Mr Farage's visit on Thursday last week came ahead of a visit to the town by Lord Owen who was in Welshpool on Friday to give his reasons why Britain should exit from the EU.

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### TRAGEDY

## Harry's poems are providing comfort to grieving family

POEMS written by an Oswestry back-packer before he died while mountaineering in Peru are providing "great comfort" for his family.

Harry Greaves of Bronygarth was last seen on April 7 when he set out on a solo mountain hike, two days before his 29th birthday. His body was found in a 40-metre crevice on April 20 and his family believe he lost his footing and fell.

His father, Simon Greaves, said poems written by Harry entitled A Life Lived In Love, This Is My Dream and What It Is To Be A Man, were of great comfort during a difficult time.

He said: "He had reached a new level of confidence and maturity and was clear about his aims. All the pictures of him from Peru show him looking handsome, fit and happy. Amongst Harry's things we found his notebook.

"It contained a pressed flower, butterfly and feather, along with two photographs of his dear nephew, Edward."

"It outlined his hopes for the next phase of his life, notes on his experience in Peru and a few draft poems. Given how near he was to death, they are particularly poignant."

More than £33,000 was raised to help find the former Rhyn Park School pupil through a crowdfunding appeal.

Tributes have continued to come in for Harry from his many friends around the world.

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### EMERGENCY

## Crews attend fire

TEAMS of firefighters were called to tackle a barn fire at a farm near Oswestry.

About 25 firefighters spent several hours putting out the fire in Melverley.

The fire was discovered at about 2pm on Friday. In a separate incident, a caravan caught fire on the drive of a home in Oswestry on Sunday. Fire crews from Ellesmere and Oswestry were called to the blaze on Maserfield Close, involving a touring caravan.

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# Victim of gay hate crime speaks out about attack

Report by Sally Williams

A GAY man from Oswestry who had to have a brain scan after being the victim of an attack is urging his friends to share his experience on Facebook to raise awareness of the homophobic hate crime and to find his attacker.

Calum Murray, 25, said he had been in Yeovil in Somerset with friends before the attack on his way home, when he was punched in the face, fell to the ground and was kicked in the head and ribs.

Calum said: "I had been with friends all night and wanted to go home but couldn't find a taxi so I walked home through Huish at around 1.30am. When I got on to a flyover I met a Polish guy and we chatted for about a quarter of an hour until he mentioned girls and I told him I was gay.

"He told me where to go and pushed me. I said 'OK you walk your way and I will walk this way' but as I walked away he started shouting and came after me.

"He punched me in the face and I fell and he started kicking me in the head and ribs. I went to hospital for a CT scan.

"I would like the police to find this person.

"I've felt pretty low after the attack. "I wanted to share the experience to raise awareness of hate crimes and their effects."

The attack happened on April 17.

Calum wrote on Facebook: "I refuse to become just a statistic and I think that every one of my friends and their friends should know that this still happens in our society. I was attacked by an individual who was 'offended' by my sexuality.

"It involved him punching and kicking me in the head and ribs repeatedly.

"You might think he just left me with bruises but he has left me with one bruise that will never fade, the memory.

"The degrading words he used were worse than the physical attack. And these will stick with me.

"I refuse to be made to feel small and belittled by such ignorance but this doesn't just affect me, but every person who has been marginalised for what they are perceived to be rather than who they really are.

"I would like to thank all of my family and friends who have been there for me."

## Gearing up for mountain bike challenge



Josh Corke and Geoff Barre are gearing up for the annual Dairi-Pak Mountain Bike Challenge

CYCLING enthusiasts are getting in gear to take part in a popular mountain bike challenge.

As well as this year's annual Dairi-Pak Mountain Bike Challenge, organisers are putting on a family-friendly six-mile ride.

Those taking part in the main event on May 7 will complete a 22-mile course, mainly off road on fields and tracks through the Berwyn Mountains.

The charity event is run by the Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club.

Club member Geoff Barre said: "This annual event is run to raise money for the Air Ambulance and other rotary charities. Each rider is required to obtain sponsorship, and

if you can get match funding even better, so we can raise the maximum possible for these worthy causes. Last year we were delighted to raise more than £4,600."

These are two routes for this year's event, meaning there will be something on offer for families too.

The main route – the Dairi-Pak Mountain Bike Challenge – consists of the 22-mile course, while the other route is a six-mile family friendly ride through the countryside around Rhiwlas. Mr Barre said: "With the co-operation of local landowners we will have access to routes, not normally open to the public, through some beautiful scenery."

Water stations are provided around the 22-mile course, followed by a complementary buffet lunch at the Rhiwlas Village Hall. Mr Barre added: "The course is well marshalled, so we are urging people to come along with a friend or group, and have a great day out." The event has been running for 23 years. Last year the challenge attracted almost 100 entrants. It also saw a new course record set for the gruelling course with Tim Rutherford finishing in one hour and 58 minutes.

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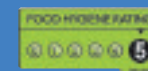
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## Candidates give views on policing

STREET pastors, street lighting and community policing were among measures to tackle anti-social behaviour in Shropshire towns suggested by candidates to become the next police and crime commissioner.

The election takes place on Thursday next week. All six candidates for the top West Mercia role descended upon Ludlow School recently for a hustings organised by the town's Churches Together group.

Barrie Sheldon, current deputy police and crime commissioner and the only independent candidate was joined by Conservative John Campion, UKIP's Peter Jewell, Green John Raine, Lib Dem Margaret Rowley and Labour's Daniel Walton for the hustings. Mr Campion is a Wyre Forest councillor with a background in business and the prison service. Mr Jewell also has a background in business and is also a serving magistrate and tribunal judge. Mr Raine is a professor at Birmingham University specialising in policing and criminal justice and also councillor from Malvern. Margaret Rowley is a councillor from Droitwich and also served as a senior manager in the NHS. Barrie Sheldon is a former detective inspector from Telford. Daniel Walton is a businessman from Malvern with a background in criminology who previously stood as a Labour candidate in the general election.

## Village street hit by sewage issue

SEWAGE spilling out onto a street in Gobowen was caused by residents blocking the drains, Severn Trent has said.

Effluence ran across Ferndale Lane last week to the concern of residents.

Councillor Sue Crowe said the lane was well used, particularly by children walking and cycling to school.

The problem with sewage in the area has reoccurred many times over recent years. Councillor Crowe said: "We were told by Severn Trent that the problem had been dealt with last year. Now it's happening again."

"Surely to have sewage running in the street is a health hazard."

Grace Marren from Severn Trent said Thursday's problem had been caused further up the pipeline.

He said: "It looks like the recent blockage was caused by sanitary products, such as wipes, being flushed down the toilet."

# President in 'no position' over trade deal

NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson says President Obama is in "no position" to negotiate a future trade deal with the United Kingdom.

Barack Obama warned Britain's voters on Sunday that it could take up to a decade to strike a trade deal with the United States from outside the European Union.

In response Mr Paterson said: "You will have noticed that he is, how shall I

put it, sceptical of a UK/US trade deal. The president, with just months left in the White House but plenty of golf to play, is of course in no position to negotiate a trade deal with the United Kingdom whatever happens."

"I was in Washington this time last year talking to his political opponents and they are enthusiastic for a UK/US deal. They agreed that the US would never give up its rights to do trade

deals with other countries and were amazed that the UK already had."

"The UK can flourish once again as an independent state trading both with our friends in the EU and the rest of Europe, while developing other relationships around the world, including the United States and China, India, Australia and Canada and the other 50 nations of the Commonwealth. We traded with all of them

long before we belonged to the EU." The President had said it was wrong for Brexit campaigners to suggest it would be straightforward to agree a new trade relationship if Britain left the EU. "It could be five years from now, 10 years from now before we're actually able to get something done," he said, adding that the first priority for the US would be to complete ongoing talks on a trade deal with the EU.

# Lord Owen unhappy with Obama's EU exit stance

Report by Sue Austin

ONE of Britain's most distinguished politicians told an audience it is wrong of President Obama to get involved in the UK's referendum on Europe.

Lord David Owen, former foreign secretary with half a century spent in Westminster, had some tough words for the US president when he spoke in Welshpool on Friday night.

He has returned to the campaign trail for the first time in almost 30 years to put his weight behind Vote Leave.

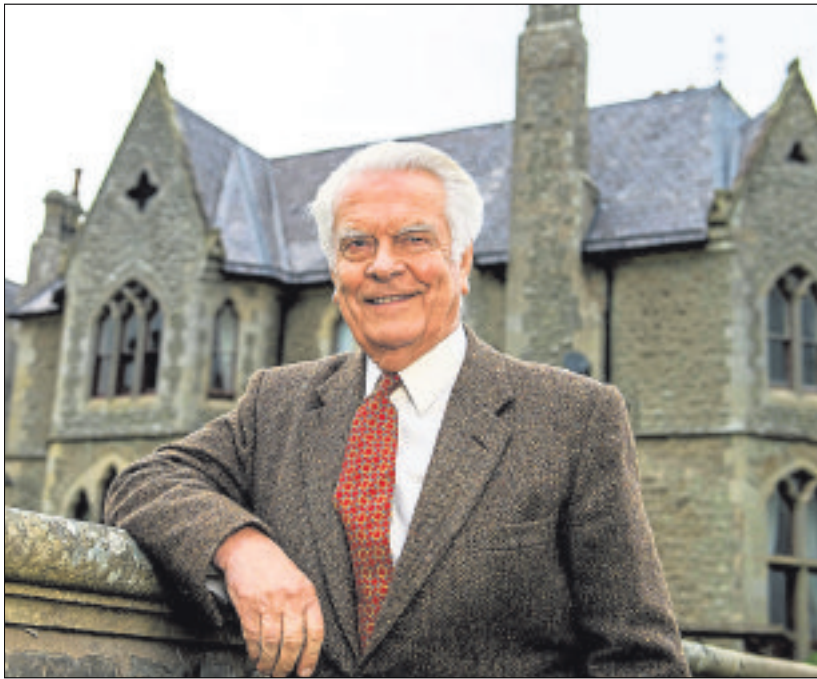
He said that while full of respect for the president, he should not have got involved. "There has been a long tradition that US presidential visits to this country to not take place close to General Election periods. The reasons for this are obvious and hitherto scrupulously observed by Washington DC," he said.

The fact that, at the age of 78, Lord Owen has returned to a life of campaigning is a sign of his passion and his belief that, unless Britain leaves the EU it will be sucked into and damaged by the collapse of the Eurozone.

Lord Owen, who visited Mellington Hall Hotel before attending the event at Welshpool, was the youngest Foreign Secretary for 40 years when he took on the role for Labour in 1977 at the age of 38.

Four years later he left the Labour Party to be one of the four founding members of the SDP, the Social Democratic Party.

In the past he was a supporter of the Europe Union, the Common Market as, he says, it was then. Now he says: "It has become a dysfunctional organisation that can neither reform nor restructure."



Lord Owen at Mellington Hall Hotel before his visit to Welshpool. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Furniture shop opens in town

AN Oswestry furniture business has expanded by opening up a new shop in Welshpool.

The Oak Furniture Shop has opened at 2 High Street in Welshpool following the success of its shop on Bailey Street in Oswestry.

Owner Jane Rees said she was delighted when the opportunity to take on the shop in Welshpool came up.

She said: "We have been very pleased with the response from customers over our choice of furniture, beds, mattresses and home accessories. We pride ourselves on quality furniture at affordable prices, backed by our own delivery service and excellent customer service."

Mrs Rees added: "The Oak Furniture Shop can offer a good choice of mattresses in all sizes from single to super king plus a made to measure service ideal for caravans."

"To complement your new bed, there is a selection of quality oak furniture and painted furniture, from triple wardrobes to bedside cabinets."

### Runner-up spot for travel firm

STAFF at a travel agent are celebrating after being placed runners-up in a national competition.

Polka Dot Travel has four shops, and those in Oswestry and Wrexham were named among the Top 50 Travel Agents in the UK.

The company attended an awards ceremony in Birmingham where both the shops came runners-up after finishing in the last five in the competition run by Travel Trade Gazette.

Helen Johnson, a partner from the firm, said: "There was some real competition, some of the other businesses have been around for years and years, so for us to be runners-up after just two years is a fantastic achievement."

Ms Johnson said the firm is now looking to expand to eight to 10 shops by the end of the year.

She started the business with Philippa Wilcox two and a half years ago.

### Invitation to visit cafe

A COMMUNITY cafe is held in a village near Oswestry every Tuesday morning.

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# Farmers' market move is aimed at attracting trade

Report by Sue Austin

**OSWESTRY'S farmers' market is to move into the town's streets in a bid to woo more shoppers to its stalls.**

The Bailey Head has been the traditional home of Oswestry's outdoor markets for hundreds of years.

In June the monthly market will instead be held along Bailey Street, the part pedestrianised road that runs down into the main town centre.

Mayor, Councillor Peter Cherrington revealed the move in his report to the annual town meeting. He hinted that, if the move was successful it could pave the way from the weekly market to follow suit.

Like others across the country and in north Shropshire Oswestry has seen a dramatic drop in the number of traders that set up their stalls on its markets.

In 1999 there were almost 100 traders attending the Wednesday open market, last year it was just 20.

Councillor Cherrington said a recent markets seminar with traders had been very positive and the council was looking to develop a business plan to safeguard the markets for years to come.

"Changes are being made with the monthly farmers' market moving into Bailey Street in June," he said.

"This market will be trialled for the rest of the year to see what the impact is for all concerned and that will lead to discussion as to whether some of our more regular markets can be accommodated in the street.

"We have also now reached agreement with Shropshire Council to have street trading consents devolved to the town council which will help us promote local events and assist others in providing events.

"If appropriate we can waive prohibitive street trading costs."

The handing over of responsibility for street trading consents will help events such as Christmas Music Live and the Oswestry Food Festival.

Both draw thousands of visitors into the town, bringing a welcome trade boost to many retailers.

Councillor Cherrington said; "We want to create an action plan that demonstrates a partnership between council and traders to take forward and hopefully retain some 800 years of local market tradition."

If markets move into Bailey Street there are ideas other ideas that have been put forward that include using the Bailey Head as a food court/open space that links with the Powis Hall indoor market.

That has retained its popularity with traders and there is a waiting list for stalls.

The farmers' market is held on the fourth Friday of each month.

## Tribute to marathon founder



Prince Harry escorts London Marathon founder John Disley's widow Sylvia

IT was a day that scores of runners from across Shropshire and Mid Wales had been fixed on for several months.

The hours of hard training all built up the moment almost 40,000 runners from across the world lined up for the London Marathon on Sunday.

On a day when Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge set a new record by finishing the 26.2-mile course in two hours, three minutes and five seconds, a former Shropshire schoolboy was remembered for his role helping to set the event up.

A minute's applause was held by all 39,000 runners at the start of the race for John Disley, a former Oswestry school pupil. Mr Disley, who founded the event in

1981 with Olympic champion and journalist Chris Brasher, died on February 8 at the age of 87.

In a tribute broadcast on the BBC, presenter Gabby Logan described him as "a visionary, innovator and true gentleman". Born in Corris, near Machynlleth, Mr Disley also won a bronze medal in the 3,000 metre steeplechase at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952.

He set five British records in the steeplechase and Welsh records at six different distances. Mr Disley's widow Sylvia joined Prince Harry at the podium to start the International Paralympic Committee Athletics Marathon World Cup wheelchair races and the elite women's run.

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# Health bosses look forward to £15m project completion

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A MULTI-million pound hospital outpatients department and new ward is set for completion later this year.**

Patients will start to be able to use the new £15.1 million theatre and ward development at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital by the end of June.

The final building will include four new clean-air theatres, a High Dependency Unit (HDU), an admission-on-day-of-surgery unit, a 10-bedded ward and a tumour outpatients department.

Beverley Tabernacle, director of nursing, said: "We are excited about the opportunities this development will give us. We have been planning for this for some time in order to ensure a smooth and successful transition for staff and patients alike."

## Care 'must be local' says councillor

EMERGENCY healthcare services remaining local is "a matter of life or death", Oswestry's deputy mayor has said.

Councillor Paul Milner has spoken out in the wake of launching a petition for Oswestry to have its own urgent care centre, if Shrewsbury's A&E closes.

He has started the petition after the board of Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust unanimously voted in support of plans to create a single emergency centre at a meeting earlier this month. He said: "If Shropshire was to lose Shrewsbury A&E then it's vitally important Oswestry has its own urgent care centre. We're the second biggest town in the county but besides that, the centre wouldn't just service Oswestry residents, it would serve the surrounding parishes and also Mid Wales residents."

"This week while I was out and about, one resident told me that he'd had a heart attack eight years ago, and that if he'd have had to have gone to Telford, he wouldn't be here now. That's how serious this is."

"We really need emergency healthcare to be local, it's a matter of life or death."

The petition is available at newsagents, pubs and centres, including the Co-ops in Victoria Road and Castle Street, Lawrence's Direct, The Oswestrian, Park Avenue Stores, and The Centre in Oak Street. It will be available for another four to five weeks before Councillor Milner presents it to Shropshire's Clinical Commissioning Group.

## Hospital memories recounted



Author Marie Carter and hospital chief executive Mark Brandreth

A BOOK bringing to life more than a century of memories from patients and staff at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has been launched.

A Breath of Fresh Air gives a unique perspective on life at the hospital - with stories dating back more than 100 years to its origins in Baschurch.

The book's title is a reference to the hospital wards, which were open on one side and exposed to the elements. These were in use from the early days until the late 1950s. The book has been compiled by archives officer Marie Carter and is her second published book on the history of the hospital.

In 2000 she wrote Healing & Hope, which was a collection of 100 pictures brought to life with descriptive captions.

Her latest work is packed full of quirky anecdotes - including from two nurses who recalled how the nursing accommodation around the time of the First World War was in horse boxes, to another recalling a patient in the winter of 1967/68 who woke to find his false teeth frozen in a glass by his bed.

"In the orthopaedic hospital archives there are over 100 personal memoirs by patients and staff, dating from early days at the Baschurch home to the 1970s," said Marie.

"They all paint a fascinating picture of hospital life in the days when orthopaedic treatment was very different from today."

Funds raised from the sale of the book will go to the hospital's League of Friends.

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

It really was a case of “spot the politician” in Welshpool last week in the build-up to next week’s Welsh Government elections.

It wasn’t enough that Ukip’s top man (love him or hate him) Nigel Farage was parading up and down Broad Street alongside candidate Des Parkinson.

He was also spotted eating a fish and chip dinner at the award winning Andrews Fish Bar and downing a pint of locally brewed real ale at the Royal Oak.

The Conservatives had to get in on the act by marching out former Foreign Secretary William Hague for a Saturday morning stroll with their candidate Russell George.

Of course Mr Hague didn’t have to come all that far as he only lives just up the road in Cyfronydd, although there have been more sightings of the cuckoo than Mr Hague since he moved in.

Then we were treated to a visit from none other than Lord David Owen who was wheeled out to support the Brexit campaign as it was launched in Welshpool Town Hall on Friday night.

It’s doubtful many recognised the ageing Lord and former Foreign Secretary but I’d have gone along to hear what he had to say if I’d known about the event for more than 24 hours.

Former Environment Minister Owen Paterson, the MP for North Shropshire, was also spotted in High Street, pulling a brief case behind him on route to the Brexit event – so who can we expect next?

It’s interesting to note that they were all former ministers. Doesn’t Welshpool rank highly enough to attract the current office holders?

On the subject of the Welsh Assembly election I think it would be more than a little interesting if another referendum was held.

The last time Wales was asked to vote “Yes” or “No” hardly anyone bothered to turn out and the “Yes” voters won by the slimmest of margins.

I voted “No” then and I would vote “No” again if given the opportunity and I suspect I might have a lot more friends alongside me next time.

Had we known in 1997 what we know now I think we would have seen a much bigger turnout than the 50 per cent recorded.

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Councillors in Welshpool have been battling to find some support to get a People and Places Order in place which would prevent large groups drinking in certain areas of the town.

Councillors have been inundated by complaints from residents about the behaviour of the groups, citing intimidation, fear and verbal abuse. But both Dyfed Powys Police and Powys County Council have not been supportive.



Former Environment Minister Owen Paterson claimed that the pilot badger cull was working



Professor Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, has reservations about a cull



Opponents of the cull include Queen guitarist Brian May, pictured here at a rally in Bristol

# Badger cull debate – is it all black and white?

**Wales’s chief vet voices her concerns that roll-out may force disease over the border. By SALLY WILLIAMS**

**A BADGER cull in Shropshire could put cattle on the border of the zone at greater risk of contracting bovine TB, according to the chief vet for Wales.**

Professor Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, says she has reservations about the implications of a roll-out of the cull – despite Shropshire’s former Environment Minister, Owen Paterson, claiming that England’s pilot badger cull is working and should be extended to other parts of Britain, including Shropshire and Wales.

As secretary of state for Defra, the North Shropshire MP championed trial culling in Somerset in 2014.

## Project

Wales has opted for a vaccination project in its attempt to deal with the disease – although it has been postponed this year due to a lack of the vaccine.

Prof Glossop said: “If the policy in England was to roll out culling to the border with Wales, that would mean that a few kilometres into Wales, we would stand the risk of having a bovine TB (bTB) problem that gets worse.

“When you cull badgers in a large area you can show a reduction in bTB incidence. It doesn’t eradicate bTB but it reduces the level upwards to around 20 per cent.

“But in the area surrounding a cull zone, you get a lot of disturbance of the badger population and what they have found in a randomised badger culling trial over the first few years of culling,



The controversial badger is facing the threat of a roll-out on culling

was an increase incidence of bTB in the area surrounding the cull zone.” Prof Glossop said there would need to be discussions about the implications of a cull before it began.

She said: “One element we are discussing with Defra, is if there is an application to cull badgers close to the border with Wales, we need to be part of that discussion because the evidence suggests that we will see a problem.

“I’m not going as far as to say we are going to get the Gurkhas out along the border, but we are going to have to think of something because we can’t put all this effort into bTB eradication in Wales and then have an increased problem for something which England decides to do.”

She added: “What we need to do is discuss it.

“95 per cent of the herds in Wales are

bTB free. The Wales/England border is going to be a really interesting area to watch as we press on with bTB eradication because whatever we do in Wales, when we get to the border, we can’t do it unless we are joined up with the other side. And they can’t do it unless they are joined up with our side.”

Dr Glossop’s comments follow a call for the urgent roll-out of controversial badger culling to combat bTB, after a large rise of the numbers of cattle being slaughtered with the disease. Opponents include Queen guitarist Brian May.

The most dramatic rise came in Wales, where latest figures from Defra show that 8,103 cattle were slaughtered in 2015 as a result of bTB – a rise of 27 per cent on 2014 when 6,378 cattle were slaughtered.

Defra figures for Shropshire and the

Midlands show increases too; there were 1,911 cattle slaughtered in 2015, compared to 1,734 in 2014.

There are some positive signs, however. The number of new herd incidents in Wales in 2015 and herds not free of the disease at the end of the year remained relatively static compared to 2014 figures. And in Shropshire there were 293 new bovine TB incidents for the region in 2015, compared to 326 for 2014.

Meanwhile, Dr Glossop explained that a global shortage of the BCG vaccine for people means that the badger vaccination policy for dealing with the disease in wildlife has had to be put on hold in Wales this year.

She said: “Just before Christmas the vaccination of badgers in the Intensive Action Area was put on hold because of the worldwide shortage of BCG vaccination for people.

“So, we reluctantly had to draw a line at the end of year four of vaccination and we are currently assessing our options.”

Prof Glossop said the vaccine was made on a batch-by-batch basis, with just four or five companies that make the BCG vaccine – even for humans. “One of those companies, a Danish firm, agreed to make the vaccine for badgers in Wales too. It is the same formulation, it is just packaged in a different way and the dose is different,” she said.

“But the one company we could buy from that also makes human vaccines took the view that they would stop doing the badger formulation as the demand for the human formulation increased.”

Dr Glossop admitted that she couldn’t answer the question “do you rule out a cull roll out?” because it was a ministerial decision.

She said badgers were protected and a decision to cull them could only be made by ministers. If you find an injured badger you should contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.

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**A:** You may be able to make a claim for clinical negligence on behalf of your son. The treating doctors, midwives and nurses had a duty of care to you and your baby to look out for any warning signs and take appropriate action quickly to ensure that no harm came to either you or your baby.

To prove that the hospital have been negligent you will need to show that the actions of those treating you and your baby fell below standards of the reasonably competent practitioner in that field. This will need to be evidenced through medico-legal evidence. As your son is so young, his needs will need to be assessed over time and the costs of past and future care required will be included within any claim.

Medical negligence claims are complex and you should contact a specialist solicitor to discuss your son’s case. Your solicitor will explain how the claim may be funded and how you can be protected from the risk of losing.

This question has been answered by Claire Parfitt, a trainee solicitor with GHP Legal.

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# Cameron must put his faith in Britain

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And I include both the USA, Russia, Japan, India and China when making that claim.

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Instead of telling us how desperately we need to be a part of the EU and working

under the table to scare the living daylight out of undecided voters Cameron and Osborne would be better thought of if they had confidence in the UK.

Instead of ploughing money ceaselessly into a sinking ship they should look to do something positive with our money by helping our entrepreneurs.

Osborne's obsession in refusing to fairly tax high earners and foreign based companies making billions in this country is a disgrace and one of the reasons that these tax avoiders can do what they do is because of our membership of that corrupt club in Brussels.

Get out of Europe Cameron and put your faith back into British people. That is if you ever had any faith.

In conclusion, despite what his worshippers say and believe, Cameron is only allowing this referendum to go ahead because prior to last year's election, when everyone thought he would lose, he was scared witless by a major haemorrhage of votes to Ukip from his divided party.

He has U-turned so often I don't think he would have dared to do it again so blatantly.

**ADRIAN WILLIAMS**  
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## This merger could see London lose the stock exchange

IT is no surprise to learn that the London Stock Exchange is to be merged with the Frankfurt-based Deutsche Börse.

For more than 40 years Germany and France have been green with envy of the success of this London icon and have arranged petulant EU rules to impede its progress. It is my opinion that the appointment of a French chief executive, Xavier Rolet, in 2009 was an EU 'suggestion'.

It is described as a "merger of equals" however Germany will have a controlling 54.4 per cent interest, it will be headed by a German and profits will be recorded in euros not pounds. The French CEO has obviously played a major role in the merger and, if successful, will walk away with £14.5 million – pounds you will note – not euros!

Is there no-one left in Britain with a backbone? London was once home to the world's art market – the EU interfered with its reputation and the market moved to America – which is, I fear the eventual destination of the London Stock Exchange.

**BOB WYDELL**  
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## Has PM been misinformed?

IF you have visited such countries as Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal or France during the last few months you must have been aware of the golden glow of universal prosperity and zero unemployment resulting from their even greater integration than ours into the European Union. You weren't? Surely Prime Minister David Cameron can't have been misinformed by his civil service support staff about the benefits of our EU membership?

**DAVID BURTON**  
Wellington

## Would Britain be left isolated and friendless in EU?

MONDAY, March 14, was Commonwealth Day when, in 54 nations around the globe, people came together to celebrate being part of the biggest, most influential group on the planet.

Not that you would have known that from the way it was covered by the British media. The Royal Commonwealth Society did remember and carried out a survey to see how the rest of the Commonwealth felt about our leaving the EU and returning to our true home, with our true friends and partners which have stood the three vital tests of time, war and peace. There is not room to mention all the responses but the most significant were 82 per cent of New Zealanders, 75 per cent of Canadians and 70 per cent of Australians are ready to "welcome us back" to them with open arms. A similar poll inside the EU show significant numbers, led by the French, want us to go. The "In" side are saying we would be "isolated and friendless" outside the EU; the truth is very different.

**DENIS ALLEN**  
Wellington

## Letters

## All we need is the return of the true spirit of our country

THIS 'In' campaign gets dirty and dirtier, you would almost think they're running scared. Well, scared we will be if we stay in this broken unit called the EU.

According to our David we are finished if we go out, loss of jobs, wages lower, business failures, banks ruined, etc, what scare tactics they are.

Where has the British spirit gone? From 1939 to 1945 this country was then far closer to going down, but what did they do then? They sent the men to sort it out and the women to do their work, farm work to feed us, young girls to fly Lancaster bombers to the airfields, girls to work in the munitions factories.

Where has Cameron's spirit gone? We don't need the European lot at all as a matter of fact it's them that need us. Does Cameron really, honestly think BMW, Volkswagen and others will stop doing business with us? Well I'm sure you all know the answer there. So what's David's reason to sell us this bunch of fools. Makes one wonder does it not?

This is not personal interest, I am too old for it to affect me, I am solely troubled for the future of this great nation and its young people.

Perhaps a year or two may be difficult but it's better than decades of trouble in this rather un-progressive and failed union, but we are British, we will come out far stronger by being out than in.

The future is in your hands. Vote wisely, you will not get this chance again.

**L THOMAS**  
Wellington

## Degree need creates issue

WE all know there is an acute shortage of nurses in the NHS and vast amounts are being spent on agency nurses and bringing them in from other countries (how were they trained?). I believe a lot of the problem is that a university degree is needed before training.

Why? Years ago you went to a training hospital, attended lectures, did course work and in between had experience on the wards. At 21 you were a qualified state registered nurse. There must be thousands of girls who aren't academically brilliant but are sensible and compassionate and would make excellent nurses, but don't want to waste three years at university getting into debt and then start training at 21. Most youngsters who get a degree end up with a job or career that it's not needed when they could have done a three year apprenticeship or training.

It's the same in the teaching profession. Unless you specialise in teaching a subject at a grammar school you don't need a degree. Years ago you went to a teacher training college, no qualifications needed. Actually, very clever people don't make good teachers as they are unable to simplify and make it easy for children to absorb information.

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### Youngsters help out good cause

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Nurseries throughout the county raised £3,700 for Barnardo's by holding pirate-themed toddlers.

Children from nurseries such as Start Early Centre in Oswestry and St Lucia's Nursery in Shrewsbury, popped on their eye-patches and breeches and completed half a mile walk to raise money for the most disadvantaged children and young people in the area.

Regional fundraiser Jane Harries said: "A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Toddle, helping us raise vital funds for some of the most disadvantaged children across the region."

"We're hoping that nurseries, child-minders and parents in the area will get registering to take part in this year's animal-themed Big Toddle, which will be extra special to mark the charity's 150th anniversary."

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# TV star Iolo and friends raise £10k for charity

Report by Sally Williams

### CELEBRITY wildlife watcher Iolo Williams and friends have raised more than £10,000 and counting for the Alzheimer's Society.

Last month, Iolo revealed that the heartbreak of watching his sports hero father "die from the inside out" from Alzheimer's had left him crying like a baby and made him want to take personal steps to tackle the disease.

Up to 150 friends joined Iolo on the Welsh1000 walk along the Welsh Coastal Path and Offa's Dyke.

There were 72 separate walks taking place at once, with ramblers walking a total distance of 1,057 miles.

Iolo, from Mid Wales, flanked by his two sons, Dewi and Tomos on the walk in memory of his father, Dai, said: "Myself and my family wanted to take part in this ambitious walking event, to raise money and the profile of Alzheimer's."

Projected forecasts suggest that the funds raised could rise to £15,000.

Iolo's dad died at the age of 87 in 2009, although his health problems had first emerged years earlier.

"Dad began to get more and more forgetful. He couldn't remember names and gradually got worse and worse," he said.

"The one thing that I was really glad of is that sometimes Alzheimer's sufferers get violent - dad never did."

"But sometimes, in the early stages, he would have a moment of clarity when you could see the frustration and hurt on his face."

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### New kit delight for sports teams



David Wilson Homes has sponsored the kit for the under nine team at Dragon Football Academy in Oswestry

A HOMEBUILDER has donated hundreds of pounds to three Oswestry sports teams.

David Wilson Homes has given £500 to Dragon Academy Football Club, Oswestry Netball Club and Oswestry Olympians. The donation has been divided between the three clubs to fund new kit. Andy Poole, a

coach at Dragon Football Academy, said: "We are extremely grateful to David Wilson Homes for their support. We want as many youngsters as possible to take part in sport and with costs ever increasing it makes a real difference to be able to provide the children in our under nine team with new kit."

"Members of Oswestry Netball Club and Oswestry Olympians are also delighted with their new kit."

Steve Barton of David Wilson Homes Mercia said the firm was delighted to have been able to contribute to the community in Oswestry by providing the donation to the sports clubs.

### Rail group is hoping for backing from lottery fund

A GROUP of ambitious tramway enthusiasts have applied for almost half a million pounds from the Big Lottery Fund to restore an historic narrow gauge line to regenerate the area by boosting the economy and tourism.

Former ITV cameraman Ray Hughes and retired Captain David Cooper are the driving forces behind the Glyn Valley Tramway Trust, which aims to recreate a tramway in Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley, to run parallel alongside Chirk Railway Station.

They are leading a band of volunteers who want £450,000 from the fund to recreate a mile-long section of the eight-mile-long original tramway as it would have been in its heyday from 1873 to 1935, when it connected the quarries at Glyn Ceriog with the Shropshire Union Canal at Chirk.

Mr Cooper said: "We want to reinstate the track 1.3 miles from Chirk Station to the bottom of the Valley Road to Pont Faen initially."

"This is the first stage of our application to the Big Lottery Fund in Cardiff under its Create Your Space Application."

"Ray has done all the paperwork. The fund could have said, yes, no, or that they want more info and we are pleased that they wanted to hear more about our plans which include recreating engines and tramline."

Mr Hughes said: "We have set ourselves an unofficial target of putting in the first piece of track in 18 months' time. We are keen to hear from anyone or companies who would like to buy shares in rail stock and engines. We also want to hear from volunteers who would like to share our vision."

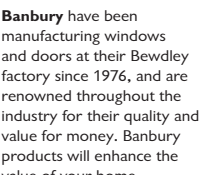
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### School admission age to change

THE age at which children start primary school in Mid Wales will change from September next year.

Powys County Council's cabinet has agreed to amend primary and infant school admission arrangements from the start of the 2017/18 school year.

The decision means that in future, children will start school in the September after their fourth birthday – currently they can start school at the beginning of the term in which they have their fourth birthday.

All children would be admitted to school at the start of the autumn term in September. The revised arrangements would start for the commencement of the 2017/18 school year in September 2017. Additional hours of free pre-school provision will be available to parents.

The move will save the council £1.2 million every year.

However, Councillor Aled Davies said the change in admission ages could lead to 60 primary school teachers losing their jobs.

### Embroidery group meetings at hall

A CRAFT group is holding meetings in Oswestry on the third Friday of every month.

Oswestry and District Embroiderers' monthly meeting takes place in the Memorial Hall, Oswestry. The craft group meeting starts at 10.30am, while tea and coffee is served at 10am.

Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £5.

The junior branch – the Jets – meets on the first Saturday of every month, from 10am to 12 noon, again at the Memorial Hall, Oswestry.

For further information about the group people should call (01691) 650374.

## Number of people out of work rises

THE number of people out of work in Shropshire increased last month.

In Telford & Wrekin there were 1,655 people claiming the various forms of benefit during March, with 1,945 in Shropshire.

The figures reflect a wider rise in unemployment felt across the country as a whole, as the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits nationally increased by 6,700 in March to 732,100, the first monthly rise since last August.

Shropshire usually experiences a brief fall-off in employment in the two months immediately after Christmas as temporary workers leave their festive roles.

The latest figures are more unusual, however, and reflect the third increase in claimants in Shropshire in the last four months.

Powys's claimant count fell, meanwhile, from 895 in February to 875 in March. The national jobless total jumped by 21,000 between December and February to 1.7 million – the first rise since last summer – although the West Midlands cut its unemployment tally by 6,000 to 152,000. It means a record 2.63 million people are in work in the West Midlands.

## Police plea over damage to car

POLICE are investigating criminal damage to a parked car.

The vehicle was parked on the Mae-sowen estate in Welshpool when the damage occurred on April 12 between 2pm and 5pm.

Anyone who has any information about the damage or knows who is responsible should contact Constable Mike Clark at Welshpool police station on 0845 330 2000.

# Corner shop has great taste for further success

## WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates innovation in the Oswestry area. This week we celebrate Morda Corner Shop.

The smell of cooking wafting into her shop has led to a new business for the owner of Morda Corner Shop.

Jaswant Kaur Singh was asked so many times what she was cooking she decided to branch out and made the family recipe Indian meals to sell in the shop.

She built a new, in-store kitchen and customers are now snapping up the Cooking Corner range, from sandwiches, wraps and soups to traditional curries, samosas and onion bhajis.

Jaswant has always had a passion for cooking and says her inspiration came from her mum, Bibi Harbajan Kaur who always prepared home cooked food.

"She had a large garden and there were always tomatoes, marrows, green beans and plenty more growing."

"I am using my mum's recipes but also creating my own," she said.

"I had the idea because our family meal would be cooking in our kitchen behind the corner shop and customers would comment how wonderful the smell was."

The family invited customers and deputy mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Paul Milner, to a special opening recently when Councillor Milner cut the ribbon on the new commercial kitchen.



Jaswant Kaur Singh and her family watch Councillor Paul Milner cut the ribbon on the new kitchen



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ramblers enjoy fantastic views

MEL Lyons led a group of 14 Welshpool Ramblers on April 17 on an eight-mile circular walk from Church Streeton.

Climbing in glorious spring weather to Pole Bank by way of Devil's Mouth, the group was offered magnificent views of distant hills and mountains. The Welshpool Ramblers walk in the Bishops Castle area planned for Sunday has been cancelled due to non-availability of the leader. It will be replaced by a short stroll in the Deuddwr area followed by a social event.

All are welcome, but anyone planning to participate should contact Sandra Smith on (01691) 831963. No dogs are allowed on the walk. Transport may be available to those meeting at 9am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225 075).

### Garden to open up for charities

A GARDEN in Welshpool will be taking part in The National Gardens Scheme this weekend.

Oak Cottage garden in the town is open on Sunday and Monday between 2pm and 5pm.

This small garden has been largely revamped since last open in 2013 and offers a plantsman's garden providing an oasis of green in the town centre.

Gravel paths and stepping stones meander through a wide variety of plants including some very unusual species. Alpines are also strongly featured.

Oak Cottage is at number 23 High Street but the entrance is from Bowling Green Lane which runs parallel to the High Street.

The admission fee is £3 and at an additional charge teas and cake will be available.

# Councillor explains why he left role in cabinet

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A CABINET member who has stepped down after 18 months in the role has said his decision was made to provide greater balance to the cabinet.**

Councillor Phil Pritchard, Powys County Council cabinet member for ICT, HR and communications, said he was stepping down to give the leader the flexibility to reshuffle portfolios.

Councillor Pritchard, who represents the Welshpool Castle ward, has been a member of the cabinet since August 2014.

Giving his reasons for stepping down, Councillor Pritchard said: "Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the cabinet, it has been both demanding and rewarding. I feel the time is right to step down."

"My decision will give the leader the opportunity he needs to reshuffle portfolio responsibilities and provide a greater balance to the cabinet."

The leader, Councillor Barry Thomas thanked Councillor Pritchard for his hard work and contributions to the cabinet.

"His decision to stand down and give me the opportunity to refresh the cabinet is typical of him."

"He has demonstrated integrity and statesman like qualities. I am grateful for his hard work and contributions to the cabinet over the past 18 months," he said.

Councillor Thomas added: "I have also decided that the cabinet will continue to operate with nine members until the end of this council's life."

"The decision means we will be able to generate some savings but it will mean a change in some cabinet member responsibilities."

## Funding boost for volunteer group



Alan Austin, Councillor John Powell and Nina Davies

A VOLUNTEER group that helps to manage and maintain rights of way, parks, playgrounds and open spaces has received a funding boost thanks to a local ramblers group.

Powys Ramblers has given Powys County Council a £2,000 grant to help pay for the expansion of the Countryside Volunteers programme. The programme, which is also funded by Natural Resources Wales, is managed by the council's Countryside Services Team.

The grant fund will help kit out new volunteers with first aid kits, hi-vis jackets and safety boots. Alan Austin, chairman of Powys Ramblers, said: "One of the main purposes of Ramblers is to maintain and improve the places we enjoy to walk, so we are delighted to be working in partnership with the Powys County Council and their Countryside Volunteers to help achieve this aim."

"This donation of £2,000 complements the volunteering work of many of our members by helping to provide vital tools and equipment."

Mr Austin presented the cheque to Cllr John Powell.

Also present at the cheque presentation was Nina Davies, Powys County Council's countryside access officer.

## Recycle sites in area will be reduced

THE number of community recycling sites and rural storage point bins in Mid Wales will be reduced following a decision by the county council's cabinet.

The cabinet approved plans designed to reduce costs and improve the quality of recycling throughout the county.

Powys has approximately 80 community recycling sites, also known as bring sites, for residents to take recyclable materials.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for environment and sustainability, said: "Since the roll-out of the kerbside recycling all households now have their recycling collected from the kerbside and this has resulted in a duplication of service which is not cost effective."

The councillor added: "The cost of operating these community sites is more than £300k a year and as with other councils in Wales their use has reduced since the introduction of kerbside recycling."

"We will now review the provision of these sites across the county following a detailed assessment on an area by area basis."

## Police appeal over window damage

POLICE are investigating after a charity shop's window was smashed during the early hours.

Officers in Welshpool are looking into the criminal damage which occurred to the window of the Hope House Children's Hospice shop in the town at about 2am on March 26.

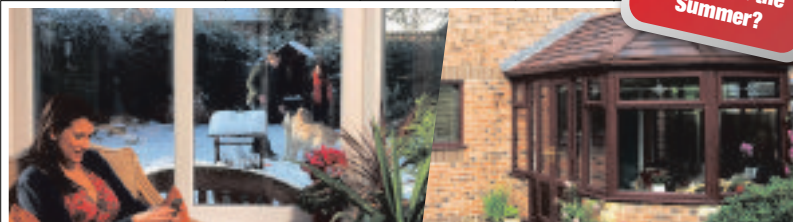
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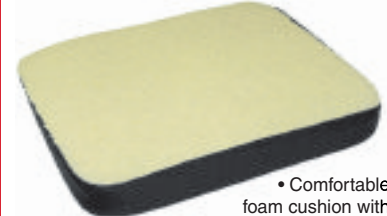


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## The need for food banks remains high

FOOD bank use remains at record levels, with more than 1.1 million units of emergency supplies given out by a leading charity in the last year, figures have revealed.

The Trussell Trust said there was a two per cent increase in three-day supplies provided to people from its network of 424 food banks in the 2015/16 financial year.

Oswestry and Borders Foodbank said 1,396 three day emergency food supplies were provided to local people in the same financial year, compared to 1,737 in 2014/15.

Phil Simpson, Oswestry and Borders Foodbank manager, said: "We welcome a slight drop in need for the food bank at the moment, and really hope this trend continues."

"But over 1,000 three day food supplies provided to people in crisis is still 1,000 too many, and more needs to be done so we can continue to see the need for the food bank decline."

"We are very grateful for the ongoing generous support of the community in Oswestry and the surrounding area, and hope that one day there will be no need for us in the Oswestry area."

## Most pupils given first choice school

MORE than 90 per cent of pupils were given their first choice primary school it has emerged following thousands of applications to councils in Shropshire.

In schools covered by Shropshire Council, around 2,690 pupils – or 93.8 per cent – have been granted a place at their chosen school for September.

The figure within Telford & Wrekin was slightly lower at 90 per cent, accounting for 2,016 children.

The figures for those getting their first choice schools increased slightly this year in Shropshire, up from 93.4 per cent in 2015.

# Eisteddfod competition hits all the right notes

Report by Naomi Penrose

**OPERATIC** boy band Collabro are teaming up with West End star Kerry Ellis for a blockbuster night of musical theatre hits – and lucky Chronicle readers can see the performance.

The acts will be starring in the Voices of Musical Theatre concert at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod on July 6.

Collabro, who won Britain's Got Talent, are the latest top name to be announced for the landmark 70th festival since it was established in 1947 to promote peace and harmony in the aftermath of the Second World War.

The Chronicle has teamed up with Llangollen International Eisteddfod to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see Collabro and Kerry Ellis, dubbed the First Lady of the West End, perform at the festival's famous pavilion.

Five runners up will each win a pair of field tickets which also allow access to the pavilion to see the competitions during the day.

Eisteddfod musical director Eilir Owen Griffiths said: "The Voices of Musical Theatre Wednesday evening concert promises to be a real highlight this year."

To book tickets and for more details on the 2016 festival go to the website at [www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk](http://www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk)

To enter the Chronicle's competition simply send a postcard with your name, address and daytime telephone number to Oswestry and Border Chronicle, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NU.

Winners of the tickets will have to be able to come to our offices during office hours to pick up the tickets.

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Collabro, who won Britain's Got Talent, will be performing at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Warning over email tax scam

PEOPLE living near the Shropshire border are being warned about a tax returns scam.

Clwyd South Assembly candidate Ken Skates is urging people in Chirk and the Dee Valley not to fall foul of the email con trick, purporting to be from HM Revenue and Customs.

He said: "I have been made aware of this scam, which on the face of it looks like an official email from the Crown."

"The message says that the recipient is entitled to a significant amount, often hundreds of pounds, in tax returns, but it's merely a ruse designed to con you into giving personal details."

"Any legitimate tax return due to you will be in the form of a letter and enclosed cheque, and you should never give card or bank information online in this way. It all looks above-board, but I cannot stress enough how important it is not to be hoodwinked."

The email invites the recipient to follow a link and input personal details and, on first inspection, looks official.

### Tickets on sale for music festival

TICKETS are on sale for the Whittington International Chamber Music Festival.

Organisers say Mozart in the Marches is proving to be a big draw, and with the first concert just a few weeks away, they are encouraging people to order tickets.

There will be six concerts during the festival, which runs from May 17 to May 22. Organiser Lawrence Mortimer said: "The six concerts feature 16 extraordinary musicians, and the programme they are offering is simply mouth-watering. Don't forget that if you or members of your family are lucky enough to fall within the eight to 25-year-old age range, you can apply for tickets free of charge."

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# Spotlight on Ellesmere

## Friendly town offers a great day out for all

THE town of Ellesmere prides itself on the warm welcome it gives to visitors and shoppers.

With its incredible mix of independent retailers, the town has built up a reputation as a friendly place to visit and to shop.

The friendly community spirit has led to a whole host of events being staged in Ellesmere for people of all ages.

Alongside the traditional mix of carnivals and fun days Ellesmere can also boast a whole host of other events. One of the town's main assets is the Mere, a haven for visitors throughout the year no matter the weather.

The Mere is a legacy created by the retreating ice age and is the largest of nine meres and mosses to be found in the unique landscape.

Covering over 48 hectares and some 19 metres deep, the Mere provides a home to an abundance of wildlife.

The Mere was given a Green Flag Award - the mark of a quality park or green space in the UK - to recognise and reward being one of the best green spaces in the country.

The Mere attracts more than 240,000 visitors a year.

Managed by Shropshire Council, the Mere at Ellesmere is a beautiful lake with gardens, woodland walks and historic parkland.

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# 'Zero tolerance' pledge on crime

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**CRIME is NOT a lifestyle option – and our police force needs to be more visible, showing zero tolerance to law-breakers.**

That's the message from Peter Jewell, Shropshire's UKIP candidate in the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner election on May 5.

Peter is an experienced Midlands businessman who has chaired an international management consultancy operating across Europe, the USA, and throughout Africa.

He is also a serving magistrate, a former tribunal judge, a director and trustee of the England & Wales Magistrates Association, and the current deputy treasurer of UKIP.

"It is a great honour to be selected as the UKIP candidate for the 2016 PCC elections," he said.

"With a budget of more than £200 million, and more than 2,000 employees, West Mercia Police requires a commissioner with extensive financial experience, who will balance competing budgetary demands and aim to bring added value and effectiveness to the delivery of police services.

"What do I want from the local police? To record ALL crime and improve ease of reporting, to be visible, approachable and alert to the communities they serve, and to invest in locally appropriate initiatives in accordance with community issues – including a zero tolerance approach.

"I also want to incorporate cost-effective adoption of new technology, ensure more representation of the community on key policing issues, and improve communication between the police and people."

He added: "It is vital to guarantee transparency and scrutiny in the West Mercia Police force."

Peter said he, like all UKIP PCC candidates, recognised that this is a full-time role, and that they will not hold any other positions (public



Peter Jewell meeting voters in Ironbridge to discuss issues surrounding the future of policing in the West Mercia region

or private sector) during their tenure – ensuring that they deliver 100 per cent commitment to the role and its responsibilities.

"Fraud, radicalisation and counter-terrorism are particular new challenges for the police alongside the areas of sexual, cyber and migrant crime that have assumed more prominence over recent years," he said.

"Responsibilities previously held by border control staff and specialist units are now increasingly being allocated to the ordinary 'bobby'.

"But squeezing more out of limited resources can only go so far – that's why, wherever I can, I would commit to supporting these additional areas of responsibility without detracting from frontline crime prevention.

"UKIP wants warranted officers to be doing real police work and be visible 'on the street' or in the local community, not doing back office work.

"Back office functions can and should be sub-contracted to appropriately trained civilian staff. This is not a "privatisation" of the po-

lice force, but more a focus on needs and skills where they are and should be best utilised.

"Zero tolerance in areas of local crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots has been shown to be effective. Sending a clear but effective message that 'crime or misbehaviour is not a lifestyle option or entitlement' will be key. And I firmly believe this no-nonsense approach is what the people of Shropshire want, and expect. It is essential a PCC now must think 'out of the box' and keep abreast of new technologies and approaches to improve policing."

## What people say about candidate Peter Jewell

• "Peter Jewell is a candidate of the highest integrity who is capable of grappling with, and resolving, intricate and sensitive decisions, through his deep knowledge and experience." – His Honour Ian Morris, formerly one of Her Majesty's Deputy High Court Judges and Circuit Judges

• "Peter's support as audit chairman of Worcestershire County Cricket has been invaluable and the people of this area would be fortunate to have him as PCC. He deals with people without fear, favour or ill will." – Chris Smith, Finance Director of Worcestershire County Cricket Club

• "Peter's business experience, and level-headed nature, makes him the ideal candidate to bring a no-nonsense approach to local policing, with an eye on giving value for money," – Jill Seymour, Shropshire-based MEP

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I am not a career politician. I have spent my life in business working all over the world, not in politics. The people of Shropshire deserve someone who has the skill and the ability to carry out the role of Police & Crime Commissioner. I am a magistrate and I served as a director and trustee of the England & Wales Magistrates Association. I was also a Tribunal Judge. I will be tough on crime like no other candidate, I will not stand by and let anti-social behaviour plague our society, you have my word if elected I will bring the crime rates down in Shropshire.

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## Solar panels will cut council's bill

ELECTRICITY bills at Shropshire Council's main building will be cut by £17,000 a year after nearly 500 solar panels were installed on the roof.

The installation of 496 solar panels has finished at Shirehall in Shrewsbury.

The solar panels will make up eight per cent of the total electrical energy needed to run the council building, bosses say.

The £180,000 project will see the council's bills cut by £16,000 a year along with a further £1,000 from feed-in-tariff payments.

The panels are expected to have covered the costs in about 10 years and the energy production will reduce the council's carbon footprint by about 7,400kg CO2 a year.

In total Shropshire Council's solar energy totals 1MWp – about the amount of electricity used by 520 houses each year since 2012.

It saves about 1,342,000 kg of CO2 – equivalent to the water boiled for 123,427,950 cups of tea.

## Hospital chief is reappointed

THE trust running Shropshire's two main hospitals has confirmed the re-appointment of a non-executive director.

Brian Newman, who lives in Shrewsbury, has more than 30 years' experience at managing director level in a variety of international businesses.

Mr Newman said: "I am absolutely delighted to be re-appointed.

"There are few greater responsibilities than to care for our fellow citizens. As non-executive director of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust I very much look forward to continuing to contribute my time and experience for the benefit of the trust and our communities across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Mid Wales."

# Battler Monty's having a ball after survival fight

Report by Graham Breeze

**THIS amazing picture capturing the smiles of Welshpool rugby player Andrew Thomas and his baby son Monty hides the strains of a 10-week-long survival battle.**

Because Montgomery Edward Todd (Monty) Thomas arrived on February 11, weighing just 3lb 9ozs and 10 weeks early of his due date after mum Liz was rushed to Wrexham Maelor Hospital for an emergency caesarean operation.

The picture taken on the toddler's due arrival date on April 21 will be cherished for ever by mum and dad Andrew and Liz Thomas of Trewern near Welshpool.

"On Monty's due date we thought it would be nice to have a photo shoot with Leri Lane Photography at her Newtown studio as she also did a lot of our wedding pictures," said Andrew. "Leri was fantastic with Monty. She was a true baby whisperer getting him to settle into all his poses and positions."

The family's drama began on February 11, when midwife Rachel Morris rushed Liz to hospital where doctors quickly diagnosed young Monty was in the breach position and carried out emergency delivery.

"It was a shock for us to say the least," said Liz. "He weighed 3lb 9oz, which was a healthy weight considering his early arrival and it took him a while to kick start, needing ventilation, stimulation and chest compressions."

"He took his first gasp after five minutes and was then given respiratory support, put into an incubator and taken to Intensive Care on the Special Care Baby Unit."

"Over the next 38 days he consistently gained weight and went from tube feeding to bottle and breast feeding. On March 30, three weeks before his due date Monty was discharged weighing a little over 6lb. It was one of the best days of our lives," she added.



Welshpool rugby player Andrew Thomas and his baby son Monty. Photo: Leri Lane Photography.

## Takeover to mark start of expansion

THE successful takeover of an Oswestry-based business has marked the start of an expansion scheme for a regional financial firm.

Hadlow Edwards Wealth Management has taken over Ellett Wealth Management, in Oswestry, as part of a long-term strategy to grow its successful business with an 11-strong team with seven specialist financial advisors. The company says the new acquisition will increase the number of their clients by 550 to more than 2,000. Medwyn Edwards, Hadlow Edwards director, said: "Shropshire has been a key target geographically for the company and establishing a better presence in the area has the potential to also open up a Mid Wales market for the firm."

Ellett Wealth Management was set up by Howard Ellett, who at 58 is taking semi-retirement.

He will continue to work part-time with Hadlow Edwards as a mentor for junior members of the team and to achieve a seamless transition for his clients. Wrexham-based Hadlow Edwards was founded and is run by joint directors Medwyn Edwards and Warren Hadlow.

## Training available on defibrillator

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Marketing director, Lee Rudkin said: "We pride ourselves on the excellent service and quality products we offer our customers. Every member of the Tile Choice team is expertly trained and able to help customers find the right

products for them, as well as giving practical advice on how to plan and measure a room for tiling."

And it's this emphasis on staff training that really sets the company aside from the competition.

Mr Rudkin added: "The key to customer satisfaction is ensuring that our staff are trained in all aspects of the tile industry, so that they can properly advise the customer and meet their needs."

The company even employs mystery shoppers to visit their stores a couple of times a month to ensure that standards remain as high as possible.

Quality runs throughout the company and that's why clients can rest assured that they're buying excellent products, even though the prices are kept impressively low.

## Latest

"We buy direct from leading manufacturers and because we buy in massive quantities we're able to keep prices low for our customers."

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Mr Rudkin said: "Porcelain wood-effect tiles are really popular at the moment as well as vintage-looking tiles with Victorian-inspired designs."

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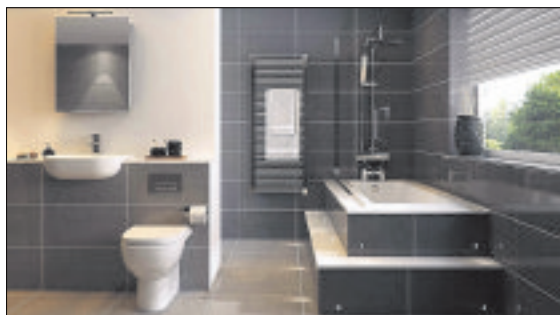
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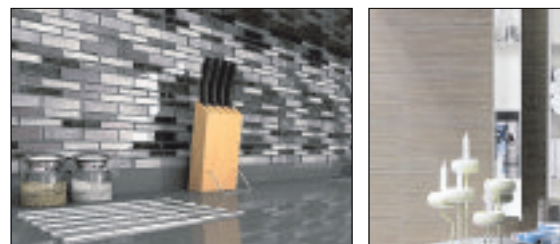
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# TV stars to take part in production

CELEBRITY personality Alex Reid will be making a special appearance in one of Shropshire's top theatre venues as part of a night of star spangled entertainment. The Celebrity Big Brother winner will be at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury this summer as he takes on the role of compere in a musical theatre-themed show West End Story produced by Shropshire performer Michael Jenkins.

Despite it being his producing debut, Mr Jenkins from Gobowen near Oswestry, has a big night planned, with a raft of talent on the bill including Alex Reid, Sean Smith – one half of X-Factor's Same Difference, Laura Coard, Lucy Edge, Nathan Turner, Rebecca Eastman, as well as Michael himself performing.

The former husband of glamour model and television personality Katie Price, who also appeared in TV soap Hollyoaks, will lead the audience through the night on July 1. It will feature songs from popular musicals including Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Footloose, as well as a live orchestra. Mr Jenkins managed to rope cage fighter Reid into the show after the pair became friends when they starred in pantomime Aladdin together at the Stiwit Theatre in Rhos near Wrexham, last Christmas.

Speaking of his excitement ahead of producing his own show for the first time, he said: "I am thrilled to be producing my own production at such a beautiful venue. This is the first performance of the production which I hope will move onto theatres across the region."

"There is such a huge amount of talent in this production, that I'm sure it will be a hit with the audience."

Tickets for West End Story are available at [www.theatresevern.co.uk](http://www.theatresevern.co.uk).

## Company to help hospice

A REGIONAL builders merchants is continuing to raise funds for six children's hospices, including Hope House near Oswestry.

Huws Gray Builders Merchants has decided to extend its partnership with children's hospices until the end of 2016 and is planning a year of fundraising.

The company started its charity partnership in 2015 to celebrate its 25th anniversary. It chose the six children's hospices located around the firm's branch network which takes in Wales and the north West.

In 2015, Huws Gray raised £120,847 for the six children's hospices with Hope House and its Welsh service, Ty Gobaith, receiving the sum of £75,620.

Vanessa Thomas for Hope House Children's Hospice said: "Huws Gray employees, suppliers, friends and family all pulled together and took part in some fantastic challenges to raise essential funding for children's hospices."

"The company plans to raise even more funds by organising further events and activities in 2016."

"We are delighted the company has decided to extend its partnership with children's hospices."

Dafydd Hughes of Huws Gray said: "We are delighted to be supporting children's hospices for another year."

## Trust supportive of tree project

MORE than 20,000 trees will spring up in Shropshire thanks to a project involving the Woodland Trust.

Despite its rural countryside Shropshire has just 9.29 per cent of land taken up by trees, compared to the national average of 13 per cent.

The Woodland Trust, the largest woodland conservation charity in the country, has delivered trees across Britain to be planted by people of all ages and backgrounds, in a variety of places – from schools to golf clubs to grand parks.

They include 20,000 across the county. Becy Speight, chief executive of the Woodland Trust, said: "Our free tree scheme has been running since 2004 and so far we have delivered 7.6 million free trees for many different causes – bringing nature to hundreds of thousands of people. Of course, there are the equally important environmental reasons – more trees means more oxygen, more homes for wildlife, and more spaces that people can enjoy and visit."

# Tickets available for fundraising cabaret night



Performers from the Very Nice Production Company will be entertaining at the cabaret night

THE Cambrian Rotary Club still has tickets left for its fundraising dinner and cabaret night at the Wynnstey Hotel in Oswestry.

The event takes place on May 13.

Mike Lade from the Cambrian Rotary Club said: "If a charity in town can fill a table of 10 people then Cambrian Rotary will donate back to their charity £100."

"So come and have a great evening with us and raise money for your charity without even leaving your seat."

"This is a 'black tie' event for a three-course meal with the cabaret and entertainment being supplied by the local and very popular Very Nice Production Company – a group of very talented local people."

"Tickets are just £35 for a great night of food and enjoyment."

"This is a great opportunity for some of the other great charities and organisations in town to raise some money for their own charity and at the same time have a very good meal



Colourful entertainment will be performed at the cabaret night

and an evening of entertainment. Tickets are available from the reception of the Wynnstey Hotel, British Ironwork Centre showroom and Carriages in Ironbriar Buildings who are acting as our "box offices" and are shown on the Cambrian club's own website."

Organisers say proceeds from the event will be going to much needed support for youth projects in town and other local charities.

Mr Lade said: "We have chosen to support the local youth projects because youth services

have had the severest of cuts to their funding over the last few years and the town has already lost the Youth Cafe in Oswald Road. It's looking more and more like the voluntary sector and charities need to "back fill" some of the funding loss otherwise the young people of our town will not have safe, supervised and friendly places to meet and socialise in."

"Tickets can also be reserved online through the club's website at [www.oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk](http://www.oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk)"

# Further tributes paid to Harry by family and friends



Harry Greaves was a talented furniture maker



St Martins School posted this photograph of Harry, second from left, with schoolfriends

## Report by Naomi Penrose

**WARM tributes have continued to flow in for Oswestry back-packer Harry Greaves – including from staff at his former school.**

Police found Harry's body last week almost a fortnight after he went missing in the Peruvian Andes.

Harry, from Brongarth, had set out on a solo mountain hike two days before his 29th birthday. His death shocked and saddened his many friends and hundreds of heartfelt messages have been left on Facebook in tribute to him.

His former school St Martins School posted a photograph on its Twitter page of Harry and his friends taking part in the school's Duke of Edinburgh trek when Harry was about 15 years old.

Sue Lovecy, headteacher, said: "We are all shocked and saddened by Harry's death. Harry was a very thoughtful, creative and individual young man."

"He embodied all of the qualities that you could wish for in a person, empathy, conscience, bravery and vitality. He was very special and all our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time."

His family have thanked people for their kind messages.

Harry's father Simon Greaves said: "I want people to know how proud we are of him and how very loved he was by people."

He described Harry as a "lovely human, much loved by not just his family but also his friends".

Harry's sister Ellen Greaves said the words to sum up her brother were "caring, compassionate, thoughtful person".

More than £33,000 was raised to help find Harry through a crowdfunding internet appeal.



Harry's father Simon Greaves from Brongarth, Oswestry



Harry Greaves went missing in the remote mountains of Peru



### Attractive house enjoys edge of village location

**An attractive 1940s semi-detached house, Bryn Hafod, By Pass Road, Gobowen, lies on the edge of the village within walking distance of amenities.**

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £182,500 with no chain.

It has a porch with French doors and a mosaic tiled floor.

The property benefits from a reception hall with a staircase off and under-stairs cupboard.

The home's, living room has a tiled fireplace housing a modern gas coal-effect fire.

The dining room has a wall mounted gas fire.

The kitchen has fitted units comprising a stainless steel sink units and matching wall and base cupboards and worktops.

The ground floor accommodation is completed with a guest cloakroom with a low level WC.

On the first floor of the property is a galleried landing.

Bedroom one has double fitted wardrobe cupboards and there are two further bedrooms.

The bathroom has a white suite with a bath with a shower attachment, low level WC, a pedestal wash hand basin and an airing cupboard.

Outside, the property is approached over a tarmacadam driveway leading to a car port and detached garage.

The front garden is principally laid to lawn, while the rear garden has lawn, a patio area, timber store shed and a greenhouse.

Gobowen village has good local facilities including main line rail services, a mini supermarket, a post office, pubs and a golf course.

It is conveniently placed for travelling to Oswestry (2 miles) Welshpool (14 miles) and Shrewsbury (18 miles) and Wrexham (10 miles).

There is also a regular bus service to Oswestry.

JJ Dell & Co is a professional, independent, family business established in 1982 by Jeremy Dell with offices occupying a busy main street corner position in Oswestry, offering a wide range of services.

New instructions are inserted on its website within 24 hours and JJ Dell & Co has an extensive mailing list.

The practice has selections of town and village properties as well as country cottages and houses with/without land.

GOBOWEN £182,500



#### TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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#### KEY FEATURES

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The property comprises an entrance hallway, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. The kitchen is fitted with a Burford cream kitchen base and wall units with complementary tiling and work surfaces. There is a square bay window to the front. The property also has an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit [www.townandcountryoswestry.com](http://www.townandcountryoswestry.com)



## Views from attractive cottage are outstanding

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**£360,000**

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An attractive three-bedroom detached country cottage in 1.7 acres within the picturesque hamlet of Rhiwlas seven miles from Oswestry, Tyn Y Celyn has outstanding views over unspoilt countryside.

With a privately owned driveway, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson with offers in the region of £360,000.

Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a range of outbuildings including a double garage/workshop, a barn and wash room. The property stands in mature gardens with an adjoining paddock ideal for agriculture, equine or recreational uses.

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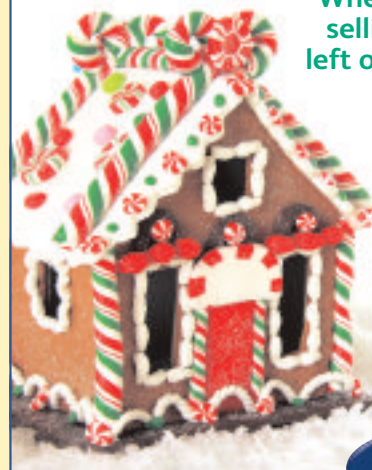
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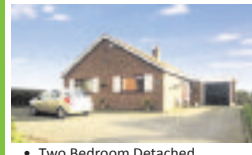
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- EPC Band - D

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**OFFERS IN REGION OF £95,000****OSWESTRY**

- Victorian End Terrace House
- GFCH
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms And Loft Room
- Modern Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Walking Distance Of Town & Woodside School
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- Attractive End Terrace House
- GFCH & D/G
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Edge Of Village
- Location
- Walking Distance Of Local Amenities
- EPC Band - E

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- Good sized building plot
- Approx. 720 sq. metres
- Sought after residential area
- P/permission for detached bungalow with double Garage
- Reasonable level walking distance of Town
- We understand all mains services are available to site

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Detached Village Bungalow with Garage. Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room. Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. Front and Rear Garden. Double Glazed, Electric Heating. EPC Rating = 49(E)

Welshpool Office 01938 554818


**Gwynfa, Llandyssil, Montgomery £225,000**

Detached Village Bungalow. Elevated location with views across Valley. 'L' Shaped Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen. Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed. Detached Garage and outside W.C. Garden to front, side and rear. Parking. Energy efficiency rating = 41.

Welshpool Office 01938 554818


**Pencraig, Llangynog £439,950**

A fine farmstead believed to be early 19th century, set within around 5 acres. Located in the Upper Tanat valley amidst the outstanding Berwyn Mountains. This Grade II Listed house has been substantially extended and sympathetically improved, extending the living accommodation into the former stone built hay barn and byre which adjoins the rear elevation. There are views all around of the surrounding countryside. The village of Llangynog is under 1 mile away

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**Troed Y Rhiw, Westwood Rd, Welshpool £240,000**

4 bedroom detached Town property. Entrance hall, Kitchen, Dining room. Living room, conservatory and utility. 4 double bedrooms, family bathroom. Fully double glazed and gas central heating. Ample on site parking with integral garage. Situated in prime Town location. Energy efficiency rating = 70

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Self-Cont G/F Bedsit, FTE, (EER=25) (£340 dep) ..... £240 pcm

2 Bed End-Terr House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=43) (£425 dep) ..... £325 pcm

3 Bed End-Terr House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=49) (£495 dep) ..... £495 pcm

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Fees: Application Fee: £40. Lease Fee: £150


**Y Fagl, Cefn Coch, Llanrhaeadr YM £165,000**

Traditional detached stone built cottage. Pleasant rural location with views. Half a mile out of Llanrhaeadr YM. Offering excellent potential. Two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom. Bedroom and landing bedroom. Set in good sized roadside grounds. EPC Rating = 15 (G)

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**Welshpool Social Club, Brook St, Welshpool £180,000**

Prominent Social Club within the town. Large Bar with seating. Spacious Function Room with stage. Dining Room and Kitchen. Snooker Room, Ground Floor Cellar. Parking to front. Brick built in the mid 1960's. Suitable for a variety of purposes subject to planning. Energy efficiency rating = 74

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### 4 Cliff View, Llanymynech £95,000

Mid Terrace Village Cottage. Sitting Room , Kitchen/Dining Room. Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed. Detached garden to rear (100 sq.m approx). Situated off the village road. Convenient to Welshpool and Oswestry. Ideal First Time Buy/Buy to Let. Energy efficiency rating = 68 (D)


**Preswylfa, Llanfechain £299,950**

Detached Victorian village residence. Three receptions, kitchen and conservatory. Three first floor double bedrooms. Second floor bedroom and attic room. Ground floor cloak and first floor bathroom. Enclosed private easily maintained gardens. Oil-fired central heating. EPC Rating = 23 (F)

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# Let your head rule when buying – or it could cost you!

**Letting your heart rule your head when purchasing a property can lead to buyers blowing their budgets by an average £16,193, according to leading property website Zoopla – with buyers in the West Midlands prepared to pay more.**

Zoopla, which provides free value estimates for every UK home, has revealed how much more people spend when buying a home if they choose to go with their heart (buying the property they really want) rather than going with their head (buying the property that fits their original budget).

For those who followed their heart, the average additional amount spent was just over £16,000. The additional average amount extra paid when going with your heart for people in the West Midlands is £16,548 where the average house price is £202,401.

Over one in three homeowners (34 per cent) admitted to paying more than they'd originally budgeted, due to falling in love with their chosen property, and nearly half (44 per cent) said they fell in love with their property at first sight.

When it comes to weighing up feelings and figures, homeowners in Wales proved to be the most pragmatic. For example, the average additional amount paid in Wales was significantly lower than the national average, at £9,591, suggesting buyers in Wales, even when going with their hearts, aren't as likely to stretch their budgets.

The East of England, however, was considerably higher than the national average, at £18,908; followed closely by the North West of England, at £18,436.

But, it appears that a property's ability to tug on the heartstrings can make for a tumultuous buying process; the study also found that one in 10 couples argued when putting in offers on a property due to one liking the home more than the other.

When looking at the features of a property that swayed purchase decisions, the top three were a fireplace (22 per cent), nice neighbours (21 per cent) and being well decorated (17 per cent). Interestingly, original floorboards proved more sought after than parquet flooring and a freestanding bath was more popular than a wet room.

Lawrence Hall of Zoopla said: "Buying a property is a significant financial commitment, and all house hunters want to find a home that they love, so it's understandably a process often fraught with emotion. In a competitive property market where stock is low, demand is high, prices are rising and interest rates are at an historical low, it's hardly surprising to see original budget levels creeping up.

"However, buyers need to be careful to not let their hearts takeover completely. The key to the process is to do as much research as possible before making an offer and striking a balance between the heart strings and the purse strings."

# £5 billion-worth of extra mortgage lending for investors

**Up to £5 billion-worth of extra mortgage lending took place as buy-to-let investors rushed to beat a deadline for a stamp duty increase, analysis by the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) has found.**

In total, an estimated £25.7 billion-worth of mortgages were handed out in March across all types of borrowers - marking a leap of nearly 60% compared with March 2015, the CML said.

It said the distortion caused by the April 1 stamp duty change appears to be larger than any previous change it has seen to the tax - and the impact will continue to ripple through the housing market for the next few months.

In its "market commentary" on its website, the CML said: "Our analysis suggests there was £4-£5 billion extra lending than would otherwise have been the case, which translates to about 30-35,000 more transactions as a result.

"We will have no detailed split of transactions for some time yet, but preliminary analysis points to the bulk of these transactions as buy-to-let house purchases.

"A portion will also be owner-occupier house purchases which were sped up to complete, for example a chain involving a buy-to-let landlord.

"The early timing of Easter will have played its part too, as movers generally prefer to complete transactions before the Easter break."

The latest lending total is the highest for the month of March since 2007, as well as being a sharp 43% increase compared with



the £18 billion-worth of mortgages handed out in February.

Estate agents previously reported dealing with a bottleneck of investors snapping up homes as the April 1 deadline for the stamp duty hike loomed. The increase means people buying a second home, including buy-to-let investors, now have to pay an extra three percentage points on previous rates.

But as a result of the bunched up activity in March, the CML now expects to see

10,000 fewer property sales taking place per month with a mortgage in April, May and June, than would have happened without the stamp duty hike.

The bottleneck in March means that many house sales will have been brought forward which might otherwise have taken place later in the year.

The CML said: "We expect to see about 10,000 fewer mortgaged transactions each month in April, May and June, than would otherwise have been the case, offsetting

the increase in activity seen in March."

CML economist Mohammad Jamei said: "Against a backdrop of a recovering market, the substantial jump in lending in March was significantly influenced by a late surge of activity to beat the Government's stamp duty change on second properties, which came into effect at the start of April.

"The distortion caused by this stamp duty change appears to be larger than any previous stamp duty change we've seen."

## Britons favouring country cottages

**Britons would prefer to live in a cute country cottage or a bungalow rather than an imposing mansion, research into home buyers' dream properties has found.**

A survey carried out by TV presenter and respected estate agent Sarah Beeny has found that even if money was no object, most people would not want their dream home to cost more than £3 million.

Some 14% of people surveyed aspire to live in a country cottage, while a smaller proportion at 12% dream of living in a mansion.

Meanwhile, 13% would opt for a detached bungalow and another 13% would choose modern architecture when asked to choose their style of dream house.

Nearly three in 10 buyers (29%) said their dream house would have four bedrooms, with 27% wanting just three. Only 11% would opt for six bedrooms or more.

Across the research, properties near the beach or in a bustling city centre were the most popular locations given by the 2,000 home buyers surveyed for their ideal home, with 16% of people choosing each option.



One in nine people (11%) would prefer to live in the countryside, while one in 10 (10%) would choose the suburbs and 9% would go for a village setting.

Meanwhile, 45% of buyers hanker after a custom-built property, designed by an architect or themselves.

While three in 10 buyers (30%) are hopeful that one day they will live in their dream house, a further 38% believe a lottery win would be their only chance of ever owning their ideal property.

Beeny said it is interesting to see that, even if they were able to, 52% of those surveyed would not spend more than £3 million on their dream home.

She said: "Up to £3 million seems a pretty low price to pay for the ultimate pad, but it demonstrates that we're a

price-orientated nation that expects value for money when it comes to property."

More than four in 10 buyers (43%) said their dream home would have a balcony, while 35% would want a home library, 32% desire a gym and 17% want their own nightclub or bar in their home.

One in four people (25%) said their dream home would have a wine cellar, and one in four (25%) would also like "his and hers" bathrooms.

Two-fifths of people (42%) would want their dream home to boast an indoor swimming pool, while nearly half (48%) want en-suite facilities in every bedroom and 45% would like walk-in wardrobes and dressing rooms.

Technology was also a major factor in dream properties, with 38% of people wanting high-tech security features and 35% desiring mod cons such as remote controlled heating, lighting and sound systems.

When it comes to the garden, 52% of people dream of having an amazing view, while 40% would like a built-in barbecue and 30% want water features such as fountains.

More than one in three people (38%) would also like a conservatory or orangery to relax in.

## Top tip

**Selling your home? People need to be able to envisage what the property would look like if they were living there.**

People often find this difficult, so make it easy for them to see all the fantastic living space you're offering them. Don't make it look like a generic hotel; leave some personality.

People are often buying into a lifestyle as much as a property. Show them the attractive side of your lifestyle.





# Crash victim Freddy backs bike safety campaign



Freddy Lindup who suffered life changing injuries in a road collision is backing a safety campaign

A MAN who suffered life changing injuries when a motorist failed to see him at a junction is backing a national campaign to make drivers more aware of motorbikes.

Freddy Lindup was just 23 when he was making his daily journey on his beloved white 125cc motorbike from home in St Martins near Oswestry to work on the night shift in a factory just three miles away in June 2012.

But he never reached the Cadbury's factory in Chirk.

A four by four vehicle pulled out of the Rhyn Lane junction into his path. The bike and Mr Lindup hit the wing of the vehicle and he was thrown over the top of the vehicle and onto the road.

Mr Lindup's knee and his leg were smashed, he had fractures to his arms and he had to have his spleen removed.

After a week in hospital and four weeks bed-bound he spent months recovering from his physical injuries.



The safety campaign is calling for motorists to be aware of motorcycles

The 27-year-old has not been back on the road as a rider since.

"I loved my bike but I couldn't get back on one again," he said.

Now Mr Lindup is backing a campaign by the Minister Law firm – which represented him in his case against the motorist – to make drivers more aware of bikes.

Shropshire Council is also behind the campaign, which features a bike being ridden by a 'phantom' rider.

Despite a reduction in two-wheeled accidents and fatalities since the Think! Campaign first launched its biker awareness campaign 15 years ago, visibility is still believed to be one of the leading causes of motorcycle road traffic accidents. According to statistics from the Department for Transport, the most common reason for accidents caused by car drivers, 24 per cent, is by failing to look properly, and 30 motorcyclists are killed or injured every day at junctions.

## Health bosses attend career fair in Ireland

HEALTH bosses have headed to Ireland to tempt nurses and other medics to work in hospitals near the Shropshire border.

A team from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board attended a jobs fair in Dublin at the weekend.

And the team will be attending similar events in Manchester and Glasgow in June, to fill positions in nursing, physiotherapy, pharmacy and doctors at Chirk Hospital and Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

The move will reduce the use of agency staff, the health board said.

The board wants to fill posts in Wrexham Maelor and Chirk Hospitals, as well as other community hospitals, health centres and clinics across North Wales.

It comes as Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust revealed last month that more than 70 nurses from the Philippines have been offered jobs at the county's two main hospitals in the last round of recruitment.

Part of the team which headed to Ireland for the Health Sector Jobs Expo to promote North Wales under the banner "work where you want to live" scheme was Cork-born physiotherapist Maureen Bartley. Maureen met up with nurses at the jobs event to talk about the positive work-life balance, beautiful countryside and career development opportunities available across North Wales.

"Here in North Wales we have terrific scenery and walks and an outdoor life-style. It's also so easy to go back and forth to Ireland, and affordable too," she said.

"For the recruitment fair, I think my return flight is costing £11 so it can be extremely cheap."

"Ireland will always be home, but we've no plans to go back now – we're settled here," she added.

## Court moves to digital era

SHREWSBURY Crown Court has moved into the digital era with the launch of a new paperless system.

Huge files of paper at the court next to Shirehall have been consigned to the past, with lawyers, judges and even juries in some cases now viewing and presenting everything on computers or iPads.

One of the judges at Shrewsbury, James Tindal, welcomed the move, saying working with huge amounts of paper was "unwieldy" and that the new system should allow to courts to work more efficiently.

But Chris Grainger, a solicitor with Lanyon Bowdler in Shrewsbury, said barristers were viewing it with a bit more scepticism.

"It's going to be absolutely revolutionary – as long as it works," he said.

"The idea is that we will no longer pass a single piece of paper between parties."

"The difficulty is there are so many amendments, or things that need to be altered before they are handed in to the court and a jury, that I'm not sure they have thought it through completely."

"We all know the justice system needs to modernise, and we welcome it, as long as it works properly. As with most things, they are very good in theory, but it only takes one power outage for the whole court system to grind to a halt."

## Motorists face pavement ban

MOTORISTS face being banned from parking on pavements under new plans to de-clutter residential streets and encourage more people to walk.

Ministers are considering extending an all-out ban on pavement parking which has been in place in London for 40 years to the rest of England.

The move would make it illegal to park on the curb unless local councils expressly grant motorists permission to do so, potentially landing offenders with fines of up to £70.

Shropshire Council bosses said they would be supportive of such a move – as long as they were given the power to make exemptions in certain cases.

Councillor Simon Jones, cabinet member for highways and transport at Shropshire Council, said: "We do discourage parking on footways throughout Shropshire. It obstructs footway use by people in wheelchairs, with buggies, or those walking with young children or assistance dogs."

# Time for us to exit EU, says Ukip leader on visit to town



Nigel Farage with Chronicle reporter Naomi Penrose



Nigel Farage shares a joke with a shopper during his visit to Welshpool

### Report by Naomi Penrose

**HE point blank wants out of the European Union – and he will tell anyone who is willing to listen.**

Ukip leader Nigel Farage came to Welshpool to make his rallying cry for people to vote "leave" in the EU referendum on June 23.

He charmed his way around the town, popping in for his customary pint and chatting to Thursday afternoon shoppers he bumped into.

Speaking to the Oswestry and Border Chronicle, he said: "I want the United Kingdom to be a self governing independent democracy that makes its own laws, controls its own borders and sets its own destiny. We can't do that as members of the European Union – it's time we broke free and took back control of our own lives."

Mr Farage was in the Mid Wales town to support Des Parkinson as the party's candidate for the police and crime commissioner election for Dyfed-Powys, as well as canvas for the Welsh Assembly elections. Those elections take place on Thursday next week with all the main parties putting up candidates. Mr Farage also raised the Common Fisheries Policy, part of the Common Agricultural Policy, that he said gets forgotten about.

"There is no question that if we come out of the EU, we will take back our territorial waters and there will be a lot of families in Welsh fishing that will be very pleased indeed," he said.

Mr Farage said: "Ukip will undoubtedly break into the Welsh Assembly, we are going to get a good number in the Welsh Assembly, that is pretty certain." The Ukip leader was joined on his visit to Welshpool by former Montgomeryshire MP Delwyn Williams.



Nigel Farage with Delwyn Williams



Nigel Farage with Sue Andrews, left, and Phylis Baylis in Alexanders of Welshpool





**Casualty**  
8.50pm  
Fate conspires to bring Max and Zoe together as a team when Mercedes's son Connor is taken by Shelle. Meanwhile, Rita is bothered by Mark's presence, but resist's Iain's advice to get the police involved, and panic surges through A&E when a poisonous spider is spotted on the loose.



**QI XL**  
11pm  
Extended edition. Stephen Fry continues the comedy panel quiz's exploration of subjects beginning with the letter L as he asks a range of fiendish questions. With comedian and Josh Widdicombe, comedienne Jo Brand, stand-up Phill Jupitus and regular panellist Alan Davies.



**Play to the Whistle**  
9.15pm  
Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show. Talk show host Jonathan Ross, football pundit Chris Kamara and Coronation Street's Jack P Shepherd join team captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh this week, along with regulars Romesh Ranganathan and Seann Walsh.



**Coastal Walks with My Dog**  
8pm  
The first of two programmes in which celebrities invite viewers to accompany them, as they take their beloved canine companions for walks along some of Britain's most scenic coastline routes. In this instalment, Bill Bailey travels along a smugglers' trail in North Devon.



**NCIS**  
8pm  
The bodies of five people, all of whom are identified as being from the US Navy, are found on the floor of a diner, and all are connected to a suspicious tax firm that specialises in helping people who are in arrears. The team realises the crime seems to be a copy-cat of previous cases.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
10.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> Matt Tebbutt is the guest host this week, as Fran Healy faces his food heaven or hell, with chefs Gallon Blackiston and Nieves Barragan Mohacho.
11.30	<b>MasterChef.</b> The last semi-final. (R)
12.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
12.10	<b>Football Focus.</b> Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's football.
12.50	<b>Saturday Sportsday.</b> Sports round-up.
1.00	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> Hazel Irvine presents coverage from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the opening semi-final is set to conclude.
4.30	<b>Final Score.</b> A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.10	<b>BBC News.</b>
5.20	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
5.25	<b>Can't Touch This.</b> A freaky eater, a really good kisser, and a mum from Birmingham are among the 16 contestants battling their way through obstacle course filled with prizes they must touch to claim.
6.15	<b>Pointless Celebrities.</b> Keith Chegwin and Iain Lee, Lisa Maxwell and Rav Wilding, Anthony Costa and Michelle Heaton and Helen Lederer and Nicholas Parsons compete in the celebrity quiz show.
7.05	<b>Michael McIntyre's Big Show.</b> The comedian hosts another evening of entertainment at London's Theatre Royal, this time featuring music by Rod Stewart and James Morrison.
8.00	<b>The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.</b> Shane Richie presents the game show in which two contestants choose their dream prizes, then answer questions to try to win them. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
8.50	<b>Casualty.</b> Max and Zoe intervene when Shelle seems to abduct Connor, and a poisonous spider is reported to be on the loose in Holby. Medical drama, starring Sunetra Sarker and Jamie Davis.
9.40	<b>Mrs Brown's Boys.</b> Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, and Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. (R)
10.10	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
10.30	<b>Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights from the Premier League, including Newcastle United v Crystal Palace at St James' Park and Stoke City v Sunderland at the Britannia Stadium; <b>National Lottery Update.</b>
11.50	<b>Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle.</b> More classic moments from the comedian's career over the past 20 years, including Peter's thoughts on dipping biscuits and embarrassing bodies. (R)
12.20	<b>World Snooker: Crucible Classics.</b> Neil Robertson v Judd Trump. Hazel Irvine introduces action from the quarter-final at the 2014 World Championship, staged at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
2.20	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
2.25	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.05	<b>FILM: San Demetrio, London (1943).</b> The crew of a disabled Merchant Navy tanker tries to repair the damage and return the vessel to port. Fact-based Second World War drama, with Walter Fitzgerald and Mervyn Johns.
7.40	<b>FILM: Scott of the Antarctic (1948).</b> Fact-based drama following the British explorer's failed attempt to beat his Norwegian rivals to the South Pole in 1912. Starring John Mills.
9.30	<b>The Women's Football Show.</b> A look at the biggest issues in the women's game. (R)
10.00	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the third and penultimate session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
12.00	<b>Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul.</b> The chef arrives in Istanbul to conclude his journey. Last in the series. (R)
1.00	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> From Edinburgh. (R)
2.00	<b>Escape to the Continent.</b> An Essex couple hoping to start a new life and business in Tuscany. Italy. (R)
3.00	<b>The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain.</b> Si King and Dave Myers visit Liverpool. (R)
3.30	<b>Bake Off: Creme de la Creme.</b> Tom Kerridge welcomes the last three teams to the competition for the final heat. (R)
4.30	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> The concluding session of the first semi-final.
5.30	<b>Antiques Road Trip.</b> Charles Hanson and Raj Bisram head for Somerset, Dorset and Hampshire. (R)
6.30	<b>Dad's Army.</b> A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea, so Mainwaring and his platoon speed to the rescue in Corporal Jones's van. (R)
7.00	<b>Live Snooker: The World Championship.</b> Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where 17 frames is the target for both players. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
9.30	<b>The Rack Pack.</b> Comedy drama based on the glory days of professional snooker in the 1980s and the rivalry between Alex "Hurricane" Higgins and Steve Davis. Luke Treadaway and Will Merrick star.
11.00	<b>QI XL.</b> Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of fiendish questions about lenses, lungs and legs.
11.35	<b>FILM: Welcome to Collinwood (2002).</b> Five bungling crooks find their tangled personal lives getting in the way of pulling off a robbery. Crime comedy remake, starring Sam Rockwell, William H Macy and George Clooney.
1.00	<b>FILM: The Abominable Snowman (1957).</b> An expedition in the Himalayas kills one of the legendary yeti, but the rest of the creatures come looking for revenge. Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Forrest Tucker.
2.25	<b>This is BBC2.</b> Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: Bottom Knockers Street 6.15</b> Bottom Knockers Street <b>6.25</b> Pat & Stan <b>6.35</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures <b>6.45</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures <b>7.00</b> Signed Stories <b>7.05</b> Sooty <b>7.15</b> Super 4 <b>7.30</b> Nerds & Monsters <b>7.45</b> The Tom & Jerry Show <b>8.00</b> Thunderbirds Are Go
8.25	<b>ITV News.</b>
8.30	<b>Weekend.</b>
9.25	<b>Murder, She Wrote.</b> A former jewel thief becomes a murder suspect. (R)
10.20	<b>Murder, She Wrote.</b> A bridegroom-to-be is murdered. (R)
11.20	<b>The Jeremy Kyle Show.</b> Guests air their differences. (R)
12.20	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
12.30	<b>The Jeremy Kyle Show.</b> The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
1.35	<b>BBQ Champ.</b> The seven remaining contestants are tasked to prepare a tasty kebab. (R)
2.40	<b>FILM: Smokey and the Bandit (1977).</b> A truck driver is chased across America by a pompous sheriff while delivering a consignment of beer to a party. Comedy, starring Burt Reynolds, Jackie Gleason and Sally Field.
4.25	<b>The Wine Show.</b> Matthew Goode and Matthew Rhys go to Rome.
5.30	<b>ITV News Central;</b> Weather.
5.40	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
6.00	<b>You've Been Framed! Bites Back!</b> Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including an angry wife who throws a dart into her husband's leg.
7.00	<b>Bang on the Money.</b> Rickie Haywood-Williams and Melvin Odoom host the game show in which two teams of friends aim to hit a specific target number in a series of physical and mental challenges.
8.00	<b>Britain's Got Talent.</b> Ant and Dec introduce the talent show's fourth round of auditions, as more would-be stars hope to win the approval of Amanda Holden, Simon Cowell, David Walliams and Alesha Dixon.
9.15	<b>Play to the Whistle.</b> Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show, with guests Jonathan Ross, Chris Kamara and Jack P Shepherd joining captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh.
10.00	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
10.15	<b>FILM: Fast &amp; Furious (2009).</b> A fugitive and an FBI agent are forced to work together once again to bring a killer to justice. Thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Michelle Rodriguez.
12.10	<b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	<b>Murder, She Wrote.</b> Jessica finds herself caught up in a feud between a one-time famous comedy double act. With guest stars George Clooney and Buddy Hackett. (R)
3.50	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b>

Channel 4	
6.10	<b>The King of Queens.</b> Doug goes back to school. (R)
6.35	<b>The Grid.</b> Motor sport coverage.
7.05	<b>Challenge Wanaka.</b> Action from the ultra-distance triathlon in New Zealand.
7.30	<b>Caterham Motorsport.</b> Action from a recent race at Brands Hatch.
8.00	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Debra and Ray reminisce. (R)
8.30	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Robert joins a cult. (R)
9.00	<b>The Morning Line.</b> Racing preview from Newmarket.
10.00	<b>Frasier.</b> A supermodel dates Frasier. (R)
10.30	<b>Frasier.</b> The Crane brothers seek the ideal gift for Martin's 65th birthday. (R)
11.00	<b>The Superhumans Show.</b> Paralympics magazine show, with Alex Brooker and Sophie Morgan.
11.30	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Penny begins dating comic-book shopkeeper Stuart. (R)
12.00	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Penny makes a surprising revelation. (R)
12.25	<b>Come Dine with Me.</b> A week of dinner parties in Staffordshire. (R)
1.30	<b>Channel 4 Racing.</b> Including the 2,000 Guineas at 3.45.
4.10	<b>A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.</b> A couple plan to buy a home on Kefalonia to get back in touch with their Greek roots.
5.10	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
5.30	<b>Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.</b> Action from the battle for pole position.
7.00	<b>Great Canal Journeys.</b> Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on more watery adventures, attempting one of the longest canal journeys in the world - 350 miles coast to coast across Sweden. (R)
8.00	<b>Coastal Walks with My Dog.</b> The first of two programmes in which celebrities and their canine companions showcase Britain's coastal beauty spots, beginning with trips in North Devon, Pembrokeshire and Dorset. Previously seen on More4.
9.00	<b>FILM: The Sweeney (2012).</b> An insubordinate detective and his loyal partner must crack a robbery case while under investigation from their superiors. Crime thriller, starring Ray Winstone and Ben Drew.
11.10	<b>FILM: Transporter 2 (2005).</b> A politician's chauffeur sets out to rescue his employer's kidnapped son from Russian criminals. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham, Alessandro Gassman and Amber Valletta.
12.50	<b>Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.</b> A Mexican restaurant in West Nyack, New York. (R)
1.45	<b>Hollyoaks.</b> Omnibus. Holly is desperate to save Cleo. (R)
3.50	<b>Location, Location, Location.</b> Revisiting two couples who wanted to buy dream starter homes. (R)
4.45	<b>The Food Chain.</b> (R)
5.10	<b>Kirstie's Vintage Gems.</b> (R)
5.20	<b>Four Rooms.</b> Items include a code-breaking machine and photos of Pete Doherty's house. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!:</b> Peppa Pig <b>6.05</b> Bananas in Pyjamas <b>6.20</b> Angelina Ballerina <b>6.30</b> Bob the Builder <b>6.45</b> Ticky Toc <b>6.55</b> Zack and Quack <b>7.05</b> Pets <b>7.15</b> Noddy in Toyland <b>7.25</b> Paw Patrol <b>7.40</b> Little Princess <b>7.50</b> Pip Ahoy! <b>8.05</b> Blaze and the Monster Machines <b>8.30</b> Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom <b>8.45</b> Wanda and the Alien
8.55	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b>
9.25	<b>The Saturday Show Live.</b>
11.30	<b>Funnist Fails, Falls &amp; Flops.</b> (R)
12.00	<b>Now That's Funny!</b> Featuring failures in 3D. (R)
1.00	<b>Now That's Funny!</b> Videos of people having very bad days. (R)
2.00	<b>Celebs on Benefits: Fame to Claim.</b> Household names who have hit hard times, including former Corrie star Bruce Jones. (R)
3.00	<b>Benefits: Yorkshire Dole.</b> The lives of people existing on state welfare. (R)
4.00	<b>Benefits: The Millionaire Shoplifter.</b> People who have resorted to less than legal means to make ends meet. (R)
5.00	<b>Benefit House: Me &amp; My 26 Kids.</b> Large families whose sole source of income is benefits. (R)
6.00	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
6.05	<b>NCIS: Los Angeles.</b> Callen and the team press Vance and their new team leader Lauren Hunter for more information about what happened to Hetty. Crime drama, starring Chris O'Donnell.
7.00	<b>NCIS: New Orleans.</b> A Navy Commander's wife is killed during a robbery at her home, and when the team tracks one of the stolen items, they find it in the possession of Dr Wade's adopted son Danny.
8.00	<b>NCIS.</b> The team investigates a series of crime scenes that appear to be copy-cats of previous cases, and two of Gibbs' ex-wives appear at the location with something to discuss.
8.55	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
9.00	<b>The Championship: Football League Tonight.</b> Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches from the Championship, including Sheffield Wednesday v Cardiff City.
10.00	<b>Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.</b> A round-up of the latest matches in League One and League Two, including Blackpool v Wigan Athletic at Bloomfield Road and Burton Albion v Gillingham at the Pirelli Stadium.
10.30	<b>NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes.</b> Tony and Ziva assume the identities of two dead assassins, and keep a rendezvous at a luxury hotel in a bid to identify their target. (R)
11.20	<b>NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes.</b> Tony finds himself accused of murder, so the rest of the team sets out to clear his name - even though all the evidence points to his guilt. (R)
12.15	<b>SuperCasino.</b>
3.10	<b>Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud.</b> (R)
4.00	<b>Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud.</b> (R)
4.50	<b>Divine Designs.</b> (R)





## Antiques Roadshow

8pm

Fiona Bruce presents the show from Lyme Park in Cheshire, famously the location for the 1995 TV adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. Items brought in to be valued include a pair of pistols used to protect royal mail coaches from highwaymen and a tea caddy disguised as a pile of books.



## Rabbit-Proof Fence

11pm

Three Aboriginal children are forcibly separated from their mothers by the Australian government in the 1930s. They escape from their detention centre, embarking on a dangerous and arduous journey to be reunited with their families. Fact-based drama, starring Everlyn Sampi.



## The Durrells

8pm

The family faces the unwanted arrival of a domineering aunt, while Larry's girlfriend also pays a visit - giving the unwelcome relative an opportunity to voice her disapproval of the whole family. Sven makes an offer that helps Louisa cope with adversity and Margo falls in love.



## Indian Summers

9pm

Alice and Aafrin plan to flee the country, and Cynthia offers to help them escape to Australia. However, Charlie comes dangerously close to uncovering their plan. Ian drowns his sorrows following Soonii's decision, which leads him to accidentally stumble on a surprising revelation about an old friend.



## Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas

8pm

A man who designed illusions for David Blaine, David Copperfield and Dynamo performs his own version of the classic linking rings act. A magician performs a traditional card trick while blindfolded and Jonathan Ross is brought on stage to help with a handkerchief gag.

## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**  
**7.35 Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Newcastle United v Crystal Palace. (R)  
**9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**  
**10.00 The Big Questions.** From Oasis Academy, Salford.  
**11.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands.** Presented by Andrew Neil.  
**12.15 Bargain Hunt.** From the Westpoint antiques and collectors fair in Devon. (R)  
**1.00 BBC News; Weather.**  
**1.15 Homes Under the Hammer.** Featuring properties in Harrow, Durham and Stoke-on-Trent. (R)  
**2.15 Money for Nothing.** Upholsterer Anthony Devine revamps an armchair.  
**3.00 Escape to the Country.** A couple with a budget of £400,000 search for a rural home in Somerset. (R)  
**3.45 Points of View.** Viewers' comments.  
**4.00 Songs of Praise.** Josie d'Arby discusses Shakespeare's spirituality with Simon Callow.  
**4.35 David Attenborough Meets President Obama.** The American President interviews the renowned documentarian. (R)  
**5.15 Pointless Celebrities.** With famous faces from television comedies. (R)  
**6.00 Paul O'Grady: The Sally Army and Me.** The presenter takes on one of the Salvation Army's hardest tasks when he visits a hospice for the terminally ill before joining a marching band in Oxford Street. Last in the series.  
**6.30 BBC News.**  
**6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.**  
**7.00 Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison visits Dorset's South Haven Peninsula, and discovers the story of 1930s conservationist Cyril Diver, who performed a groundbreaking survey of the area's ecosystem. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.  
**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Lyme Park in Cheshire, where items brought in to be valued include pistols and a portrait of actress Sarah Bernhardt. Last in the series.  
**9.00 Undercover.** New evidence emerges that could prove Rudy's innocence, but Nick is unable to stop a vital piece of information being revealed that threatens everything Maya has worked towards.  
**10.00 BBC News.**  
**10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**  
**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester United v Leicester City, Southampton v Manchester City and Swansea City v Liverpool.  
**11.40 FILM: The Last Castle (2001).** A court-martialled general sent to a high-security military jail sets out to bring down the cruel warden. Thriller, starring Robert Redford, James Gandolfini and Delroy Lindo.  
**1.45 World Snooker: Crucible Classics.**  
**3.45 Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
**3.50 BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.15 The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge.** Six people compete for a chance to design a garden for the Chelsea Flower Show 2015, and begin by plotting individual cottage gardens at Harlow Carr in North Yorkshire. (R)  
**7.15 This Farming Life.** Martin tends to 500 pregnant ewes and gets the birthing sheds ready as lambing season approaches. (R)  
**8.15 An Island Parish.** Mother Mary puts the finishing touches to her sanctuary and chapel. (R)  
**8.45 The Beechgrove Garden.** Jim McColl and Carole Baxter plant potatoes.  
**9.15 Countryfile.** The team looks at the landscapes across Britain that inspired Shakespeare, while John Craven is joined by Judi Dench to visit a town in Kent where the Bard's company performed. (R)  
**10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.  
**11.45 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure.** Dave Myers and Si King begin a culinary tour of Asia in Hong Kong. (R)  
**12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.  
**1.00 Flog It!** Kate Bateman and Mark Stacey search for antiques at Herne Bay on the Kent coast, while Paul Martin learns how a lottery grant is helping to restore a 100-year-old sailing barge. (R)  
**2.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.  
**6.00 Natural World: Meet the Moose Family.** The intimate story of a mother moose bringing up her calf in the wilds of the Canadian Rockies, who face a life of constant danger from the hungry wolves and bears that live nearby. (R)  
**7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.  
**11.00 FILM: Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002).** Three Aboriginal children parted from their mothers by the government embark on an arduous journey home. Fact-based drama, with Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury and Kenneth Branagh.  
**12.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** The team looks at the landscapes across Britain that inspired Shakespeare, while John Craven is joined by Judi Dench to visit a town in Kent where the Bard's company performed. (R)  
**1.25 Sign Zone: Holby City.** Arthur rallies when Morven's dad is admitted with liver disease, while Zosia persuades a terminal patient to be a guinea pig for Jac's new stent prototype. (R)  
**2.25 This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

## ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Bottom Klocker Street 6.15 Bottom Klocker Street 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show 8.00 Teen Titans Go!**  
**8.25 ITV News.**  
**8.30 Weekend.**  
**9.25 Murder, She Wrote.** The body of a peg-legged man is discovered in Jessica's living room. (R)  
**10.20 Murder, She Wrote.** British agent Michael Haggerty takes over a case. (R)  
**11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)  
**12.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**  
**12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)  
**1.35 All Star Family Fortunes.** With Dave Myers and Jack P Shepherd. (R)  
**2.20 Fierce.** Steve Backshall seeks out fierce animals in Guyana. (R)  
**3.20 Britain's Got Talent.** The talent show's fourth round of auditions. (R)  
**4.35 Midsomer Murders.** Jones infiltrates a cult to investigate a woman's disappearance. (R)  
**6.30 ITV News Central; Weather.**  
**6.45 ITV News and Weather.**  
**6.55 The Chase Celebrity Special.** Mikey North, Una Healy, Carl Froch and Alison Hammond answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.  
**8.00 The Durrells.** The family faces the unwanted arrival of a domineering aunt. Love is in the air for Larry and Margo, while Gerry is more concerned with his newly acquired owls.  
**9.00 Home Fires.** The villagers prepare for harvest time, but Steph faces losing the farm if she cannot meet her quota. A newcomer to the community stirs up tension between Sarah and Frances.  
**10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**  
**10.20 Sugar Free Farm.** Six famous faces undertake a dietary experiment to live without sugar for two weeks, moving into a farm, where they work in return for healthy, wholesome food. (R)  
**11.20 Premiership Rugby Union.** Action from the 21st and penultimate round of regular-season fixtures, including Sale Sharks v Gloucester, Exeter Chiefs v Wasps, and London Irish v Harlequins.  
**12.15 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
**3.00 Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Brands Hatch, featuring the Ginetta GT4 Supercup and Ford MSA Formula races. With commentary by Richard John Neil.  
**3.50 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.  
**5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

## Channel 4

- 6.15 The King of Queens.** Doug loses his driving licence. (R)  
**6.40 The King of Queens.** Doug meets a long-lost friend. (R)  
**7.05 The King of Queens.** The car breaks down. (R)  
**7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra decides to see a marriage counsellor. (R)  
**7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray complains about Ally's teacher. (R)  
**8.30 Frasier.** Part one of two. Niles throws a Halloween party. (R)  
**9.00 Frasier.** Part two of two. Roz's pregnancy puts her in a panic. (R)  
**9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With Katherine Parkinson.  
**12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A beach-themed holiday retreat in a back garden. (R)  
**1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Including the 1,000 Guineas at 3.40.  
**4.00 Location, Location, Location.** Revisiting house-hunters in Portsmouth and Stansted. (R)  
**5.00 A Place in the Sun.** Advice to British householders aiming to buy a home abroad. (R)  
**5.45 Channel 4 News.**  
**6.00 Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Highlights.** Steve Jones presents action from the race at the Sochi Autodrom, where Lewis Hamilton was hoping to make it a third successive win on this track.  
**8.00 Paul Merton's Secret Stations.** New series. The comedian takes a tour of Britain's request stop stations to find out why they are there, beginning in the Scottish Highlands and the Cumbrian coast.  
**9.00 Indian Summers.** Alice and Aafrin plan to flee the country, and Cynthia offers to help them escape to Australia. Meanwhile, Ian stumbles across some information that could put a stop to Ralph's ambitions.  
**10.00 Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)  
**10.55 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with regulars Sean Lock and Jon Richardson joined by guests Miles Jupp, Greg Davies and Holly Walsh. (R)  
**12.00 FILM: Red Lights (2012).** Thriller, starring Cillian Murphy.  
**2.00 Come Dine with Me.** Alexis Walmsley hosts the first dinner party in Warwickshire. (R)  
**2.30 Come Dine with Me (R)**  
**2.55 Come Dine with Me.** Anthony Deas hosts the third dinner party in Warwickshire. (R)  
**3.25 Come Dine with Me (R)**  
**3.50 Come Dine with Me (R)**  
**4.20 Four Rooms.** Items include Muhammad Ali's boxing boots and horror film artworks. (R)  
**5.15 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R)  
**5.20 Fifteen to One.** General knowledge quiz. (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.20 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Tickyety Toc 6.55 Zack and Quack 7.05 Pets 7.10 Noddy in Toyland 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.40 Little Princess 7.50 Pip Ahoy! 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 Wanda and the Alien 9.00 Toby's Travelling Circus 9.15 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown**  
**9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Donnie finds himself losing his intelligence.  
**10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship. (R)  
**11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** A round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two. (R)  
**12.00 The Gadget Show.** Oris and Jon use the latest technology to brew their own alcoholic concoctions. (R)  
**1.05 FILM: Another Cinderella Story (2008).** Premiere. Musical comedy, starring Selena Gomez.  
**2.50 FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (2011).** Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee.  
**4.30 FILM: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (2009).** Animated comedy, with the voices of Bill Hader, Anna Faris and James Caan.  
**6.10 Now That's Funny!** A bride gets cold feet at the altar, and various clips feature people who do not get what they want.  
**7.05 The Secret Life of Puppies.** Two-part documentary following puppies' first year of life, beginning with the first eight weeks - a crucial period from birth to the moment they join their human families. (R)  
**8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas.** A man who designed illusions for David Blaine, David Copperfield and Dynamo performs his own act, while another magician performs a traditional card trick while blindfolded.  
**8.55 5 News Weekend.**  
**9.00 FILM: Elysium (2013).** Premiere. A man living in poverty on a ruined Earth fights to gain access to a space station inhabited by a wealthy elite. Sci-fi thriller, starring Matt Damon and Jodie Foster.  
**11.10 FILM: Drive Angry (2011).** A man breaks out of Hell to track down the cult leader who has murdered his daughter and plans to sacrifice her baby. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard.  
**1.00 SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.  
**3.10 The Tube: Going Underground.** The installation of a new escalator causes problems at Walthamstow. (R)  
**4.00 Great Scientists.** Profile of the philosopher Aristotle. (R)  
**4.25 Great Scientists.** Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei. (R)  
**4.50 Great Artists.** The work of Jan Vermeer. (R)  
**5.15 Divine Designs.** Churches designed by Christopher Wren. (R)  
**5.45 Angels of Jarm.** (R)  
**5.50 Angels of Jarm.** (R)



## deaths

### CAWDELL

Kath

Of Shrewsbury, formerly at Milton Road, Luton and Bunhill Close, Dunstable, passed away on April 24, 2016. Beloved Wife of the late Len and a loving and much loved Mum to Barry and Lesley, a cherished Nanna and Great-Nanna.

We shall announce the funeral arrangements once they are finalised.

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### COWARD

John

Beloved Husband of Jane and a loving and much loved Father and Grandfather. Chairman of the Furrows Group. J.C. passed away at home, following an illness he managed with dignity and humour.

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### GRIVELL

Kelvin

(Rip)

Beloved Husband of Jill, loving and much loved Dad to Melanie, Ian and Ross; Carol and Elaine, cherished 'Yif' to Luke, Ruth and Ewan. For many years at The Sentinel. Kelvin passed away in Jubilee House, Astley.

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## LANDERS

Bob

Police Superintendent, Shropshire & West Mercia Police. Beloved Husband of the late Avis and a loving and much loved Father and Grandfather, passed away after a short illness following a fall, aged 96 years.

The Funeral Service will be held in Emstrey Crematorium on Tuesday, May 3, at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please, however all donations will be divided between The Air Ambulance and The Injured Jockey Support Fund.

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### LAWTON

Denis

(Bonny Lad)

Ex DLI, 3LI and 5LI.

Of Oswestry Passed away suddenly at home on April 20, 2016, aged 71 years. Beloved Husband of Carol. Sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Thursday, May 5, at 4.15pm.

Family flowers only but donations if desired to Help for Heroes.

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### TAYLOR

Mandy

Passed away peacefully on April 14, 2016, aged 60 years. A much loved Mum and Granny. Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Thursday, May 5, at 2pm.

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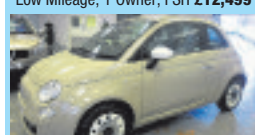
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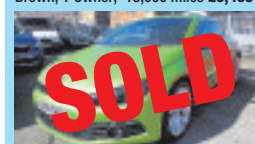
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# Luxury Lexus real contender

By Graham Breeze

**VARIETY is the spice of life they say, so it's no real surprise that Lexus has delivered the IS 200t in petrol format – moving away from the company's obsession with hybrids.**

Replacing the IS250 the 200t gets an elegant new look, a stunning and bigger interior, increased wheelbase and more technology than you will ever need in a bid to win sales from BMW and Audi.

Success will depend on how many people Lexus can be convinced to take a test drive, because once you get behind the wheel of this latest arrival you really don't want to be anywhere else.

Depending on taste you'll either be won over or lost with the new look. There's a sculptured body shell with sharp creases

but it's the aggressive F-Sport mesh grille, 18" F-Sport alloys and stylish bumpers that you will either love or hate. I don't think there's any middle ground. For me it's a winning look.

The one thing I am sure of is that you will be wowed by the stunning interior. There's a mixture of leather and soft touch fabrics with the F Sport on test getting front and rear armrests, electric and heated seats, sports steering wheel and sports pedals.

There's also a very stylish dashboard, housing all the latest technology via a 7" multimedia screen with remote touch control, Sat Nav and Bluetooth connectivity.

The four cylinder turbocharged, two-litre engine was supported by an eight-speed automatic gear box which seemed to be constantly searching for the right gear. I found using the steering wheel mounted paddles a lot more convenient, though many will not like that. There's enough power though to please everyone with 0-62mph in just seven seconds and a top speed of 143mph, just under 40mpg on the combined cycle. CO2



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figures of 167g/km could be judged as a little on the high side, meaning benefit in kind of 28 per cent for the company car driver.

The test model sells at £31,495 though leather upholstery, a premium navigation system and metallic paint pushed that to £36,100 – but you do get a lot for your money. For instance the model comes with drive mode select, cruise control, auto-dimming rear mirror, smart entry and

start, aluminium trim, rear view camera, dusk sensing headlights, rain sensing wipers, and front and rear parking sensors.

There's plenty of safety equipment on board too. You get driver and passenger front, side and knee airbags, curtain airbags, ABS and EBS, stability control, and hill-start assist. This new Lexus has a lot going for it but whether it is strong enough to win sales from the big rivals in the sector will remain to be seen. Watch this space.

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## Craig follows in team mate Chris's footsteps

Craig Williams is following in the footsteps of team mate and colleague Chris Venables.

He has followed Chris into sales at award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs as well as into the Aberystwyth football team that plays in the Welsh Premier League.

The only difference between them: sales manager Chris is at Arthurs Newtown branch while Craig has joined the sales team as a consultant at Arthurs Oswestry.

On a Saturday they are very much together playing for Aberystwyth, Craig on the left wing and Chris in midfield.

"Chris is scoring more goals than me which is good for the team," said Craig, 33, who moved to Shropshire from Cardiff on joining TNS in 2009.

After a successful start to his football career with Llanelli, who were also in the Welsh Premier League, he signed for TNS where he spent two and a half years, during which time they won a league title.

For the last three years he has played with Chris at Aberystwyth where he hopes their partnership will continue next season.

He applied for a valet position at Arthurs Oswestry in 2012 and was successful from over 70 applicants.

He was a valet until the end of 2014 when he was appointed group website photographer for the Network Q and other makes of cars at Oswestry and Newtown and subsequently the Peugeot used cars at Wrexham.

He now combines photographing the Network Q and other makes of cars

at Oswestry with selling used as well as new Vauxhalls.

"I never thought I would ever sell cars, but I am settling into the role and enjoying the experience," said Craig who lives with his partner Rebecca and their three colliers at Whittington.

Matt Hine, sales manager at Arthurs Oswestry, explained how delighted he was that Craig had agreed to promotion to the sales team.

"We all felt Craig was ideally suited to this position and it was only a matter of time before this happened," said Matt.

"Craig is very committed to the Arthurs ethos of looking after every customer in the most professional way. He is a good asset to the team."

Pictured: Craig with the new Astra, European Car of the Year which he particularly admires.

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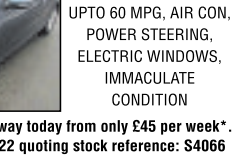
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# Lion are roaring in top start to the season

BLACK LION are roaring loud after setting the pace in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three with an emphatic 8-2 home victory over Chirk B.

Their second win of the campaign by 63 shots (152-89) sees the Lion top of the table virtue of one chalk, from George who are also unbeaten after two outings.

Mark Jones and Karl Adams both won to two, while Andrew Jones was also another single figure winner to five.

GEORGE are also going well, reeling off their second win with a 7-3 (160-135) verdict at FOX LANE, Lance Leonard leading the way to three while Simon Hayman and Dilwyn Edwards replied to 17 and 19 respectively. Fox Lane are joint third.

ELLESMERE A suffered their second loss when going down 6-4 (153-140) at WHITTINGTON E whose Joan Holland took the coppers 21-3, while Ambrose Mochan (21-15) was the best of the replies.

LLANYMYNECH B remain unbeaten in division four after salvaging a 5-5 draw at Plas Kinston B after taking the shots by 13, Kieran Jones (21-4) the standout performer.

IFTON, who stormed to promotion with an unbeaten record from division six last season, started life in division five with and 8-2 (152-114) home success against Church D with Harry Teece and Roy Williams winning to three and seven.

## Results

**Division three:** Johnstown D 7 (145) Ruabon B 3 (118), Whittington E 5 (153) Ellesmere A 4 (140), Fox Lane 3 (135) George 7 (160), Black Lion 8 (152) Chirk B 2 (89), Llangollen B 7 (162) Johnstown C 3 (124), Ceiriog Valley B 8 (161) Plas Kynaston A 2 (136).

**Division four:** Llannhaeadr B 3 (118) Johnstown E 7 (138), Plas Kynaston B 5 (134) Llanymynech B 5 (147), Cynwyd B 7 (135) Llangynog C 3 (127), Llanfyllin A 5 (136) Ceiriog Valley C 5 (135), Church C 9 (159) Llannhaeadr C 1 (109), Overton B 3 (134) Weston Rhyn C 7 (149).

**Division five:** Corwen B 4 (123) Weston Rhyn B 6 (128), Ifton 8 (152) Church D 2 (114), Chirk C 6 (130) Llannhaeadr D 4 (115), Ye Old Crofte B 3 (147) Criffins D 7 (149).

**Division six:** Llanymynech C 9 (150) Ponciau Park 1 (87), Weston Rhyn D 0 (81) Pentre Broughton 10 (168), Church E 7 (147) Llanfyllin B 3 (125), Criffins E 7 (149) Llangynog B 3 (115), Llannhaeadr E 3 (114) Cynwyd C 7 (147).

# Ifton suffer a first defeat of the season

IFTON suffered their first loss of the Shropshire Premier Bowls League season after going down 10-4 at early leaders Meole Brace.

The St Martins side, who had won their first two outings, had found themselves trailing 5-0 as Adrian Rowe lead the way for the home side by winning to six.

The visitors fought back with two winners in the middle and two at the back led by best winner Nicky Jones 21-5 to gain a good four points and only lose the aggregate by 20 chalks (219-199). Ifton's other wins came from David Rocky Jones (21-12), Geraint Williams (21-16) and Martin Jones (21-18).

Defeat left them in sixth spot and will be out to bounce back at home to Wrockwardine Wood on Friday.

# Golf returns

**LLANYMYNECH Ladies' Past/Present Champions Trophy Greensome Medal:** A Leach & J Howell 90-22.5-67.5; S McMahon & Val M Jones 94-22-72; G Davies & L Colson 90-17.5-72.5.

## MILE END

**April Medal Div 1:** D Smith 79-8-71; P Jarvis 84-13-71; D Birch 80-8-72; Div 2: S Holloway 85-16-67; M Pierce 83-14-69; D Lockley 88-15-73; Div 3: M Godfrey 90-25-67; D McKay 99-27-72; S Rogers 95-20-75. **Ladies' Medal:** L Bradbury 94-15-79; A Ord 93-13-80; J Turner 93-11-82.

## OSWESTRY

**Informal Mixed Greensomes (15 holes):** G Wilson & S Wilson 33pts; R Jones & K Jones 32pts; N Wilson & B Wilson 30pts; M Foster & J Foster 29pts (c/b). **April Medal Div 1:** N Wilson 77-9-68 (c/b); J Lawes 73-5-68; J Matthews 72-3-68 (c/b); E Hibbert 76-7-68 (c/b); L Turner 79-10-69 (c/b); G Hughes 73-10-69; Div 2: N Kershaw 77-11-67; D Hopton 82-13-69; J Edmondson 86-15-71; A Lewis 85-13-72; G Griffiths 87-14-73 (c/b); M Eason 87-13-73; Div 3: R Cowley 88-21-67; D Haycocks 83-16-68; P Jones 86-16-70 (c/b); J Gittins 86-16-70; A Nodder 89-18-71 (c/b); M Pardo 88-17-71.

**Ladies' President's Bowl Knock-Out Qualifying Round:** J Jones 95-22-73; M Allford 92-19-73; J Foster 110-36-74; M Green 98-22-76; S Weaver 108-32-76; M Brogren 97-21-76; K Wallace 98-22-76; G Johnson 93-17-75. **Ladies' 9 Hole Competition:** J Williams 17pts; V Griffiths 16pts; E Gooding 12pts.

# No success in Plate for the Eagles

A MUCH-changed Oswestry bowed out of rugby's North Mids Plate after succumbing 18-0 at home to Droitwich in the quarter-final.

The border club, who have finished runners-up in the Cheshire South, had been unstoppable on home surrounds this term, but suffered their first loss at Granville Park.

With a wedding at the club, the Eagles were forced to ring the changes with seven regulars missing, and handed first team debuts to a number of emerging Colts against a Droitwich side who play a level above in Midlands Two West (South).

The visitors started on the front foot, with their heavier pack setting up an opening touchdown with an unconverted pushover try in the corner.

For the next half hour, the Eagles outclassed and

out ran the Worcestershire side with excellent play from James Anderson, Zac Baldwin and Colts Jack Charmley, who was named man of the match, Jon Wills, Ryan Maddocks, Connor Watkins and Tom Henry Jones.

They more than held their own, but, following a string of penalties, that elusive try for the home side never came as the heavier pack of Droitwich held firm.

## Penalties

One of these penalties saw the visitors kick deep into the Eagles defence which culminated in another pushover try for the opposition, this one converted.

The young Oswestry side were desperate for the try, but were frustrated as the referee's whistle

stopped the flow of the game.

After the break, Jamie Luckett and Tom Henry Jones appeared as subs to bolster the Eagles, but another try and penalty saw Droitwich wrap up an 18-0 win.

With 10 minutes to go, young front row Connor Watkins came on for his first appearance for the Eagles, replacing Scott Double who played a vital role in supporting the team.

Despite the result, the Eagles played with heads up and proud hearts but it was the visitors who prevailed to go through to the next round where they will host Cleobury Mortimer.

Oswestry travel away to Warrington side Eagles in the last match of the Cheshire South on Saturday, before embarking on their promotion play-off.

# COBRA get lift with a timely win bonus

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

**COBRA clawed their way closer to safety in rugby's Swalec Welsh League division one (north) with a much-needed 21-9 home success against Abergele.**

The Meifod men had been dragged towards danger in the past month, but boosted their survival prospects with a crucial victory, while at the same time basement rivals Llangefni and Dolgellau both lost to further help their cause.

They now cannot be caught by Llangefni, but Dolgellau - who visit COBRA next Wednesday - can still climb out of the bottom two should they win their four remaining games.

Knowing that victory would ease their relegation worries, the Meifod hosts took to the field under pressure to deliver in their penultimate league game.

Abergele's availability issues meant they could not muster a front row, so uncontested scrums was the order of the day to dampen the intensity in the set plays.

Gele, with the wind on their backs in the first half, used the boot of Owain Davies to good effect to gain the territorial advantage in what was a cagey opening.

## Penalties

COBRA took the lead, however, with an early penalty from Harry Jukes, before Davies gave the visitors a 6-3 lead with a couple of well struck penalties in reply.

The hosts looked to spread the ball but were finding it difficult to break through Gele's stubborn defence despite their efforts.

However, a change of tack saw them drive through the forwards and power over close to the posts for a try through prop Bryn Edwards assisted by Hywel Jones.

Jukes, however, missed the chance of adding a couple of extra points when he put his conversion wide.

Penalties were exchanged before half time giving COBRA a slender two point advantage as they led 11-9 at the break.

The second half was blighted by the referee's whistle to the bewilderment of both sides, while Gele went close on a couple of occasions before being foiled by last gasp tackles or passes not going to hand.

COBRA extended their lead with another penalty from Jukes, and 10 minutes from time produced a decisive moment to give themselves breathing space with a terrific try.



**Winger Sion Wyn Williams touches down for a terrific second try for COBRA in their vital win over Abergele, with centre Harry Jukes the first to congratulate him. Picture: Trevor Jones.**

The experienced Hywel Jones, who replaced the injured Llew Williams at fly half, quickly made his mark with some telling kicking.

And the club coach also had a hand in the crucial score when passing to full back Sion Wyn Williams who cut back down the opposite side of the pitch from half

way as he heaved his way through the defence and over the line. Jukes then added the conversion to put his side two scores ahead. Despite Gele's best efforts, COBRA held firm, and they will be hoping they have now preserved their first division status, although Dolgellau will be doing their utmost to deny them.

# Monty held up by last-wicket pair

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

Captain Graeme Cowey (19) and Jack Cockayne (14) briefly threatened with some aggressive strokes, but their efforts were to prove to no avail as Ellesmere limped to 65 all out.

It was a disappointing start for CAE GLAS who were well beaten by 10 wickets in their season opener at Preses.

The Oswestry side were soon on the back foot after being put in to bat, and laboured to 96 all out in the 40th over, Barry Richards top scoring on 26 and opener Andy Griffiths making 21.

Press eased to victory in 20 overs in reply through openers Stephen Williams (63no) and Andy Darlington (25no).

CAE GLAS II had a disappointing start in the reserve division two as they slumped to a 115-run defeat to Condoever II at Gatacre.

The Shrewsbury visitors racked up 183-4 from 40 overs thanks to half centuries from Simon Dodds

(64no) and Mike Rogers (52), before skittling their hosts for 67.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLY succumbed to a tight opening day defeat at Cound who got home by two wickets in their division one clash.

Put in to bat, Knockin posted a creditable 190 all out with opener Steven Gray continuing the form of last season with 16 fours in his 95 while Jean-Pierre Erasmus chipped in with a lively 25, containing a six and three other boundaries.

Cound were toiling on 75-5 in reply, but reached their target thanks to an unbeaten 54 from Ryan Ashton despite Hugh Morris' 3-18 in 15 overs.

FRANKTON made the perfect start to the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League premier division season with a comfortable seven wicket win over new boys Forton at Hardwick Park.

Forton could only muster 77 all out after being put in to bat, with Michael Eckard taking remarkable figures of 6-4 and Stuart Lammie 3-13.

In reply, skipper Ian Whitticase hit 28 to put his side on course for a three wicket win.

# Morris and Davies lead charge for Whittington

WHITTINGTON A kept the pressure on the early leaders in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one with a thumping 9-1 (164-100) home win against Weston Rhyn A.

Mel Morris and Aled Davies won to six and seven respectively, while Derek Taylor (21-17) gained a consolation for Rhyn who are bottom.

Whittington are second, just one point behind pacesetters Johnstown A who overcame Ceiriog Valley 7-3 (147-128).

CHURCH A lost 6-4 (142-131) to Chirk A with Merv Weaver (21-11) and Phil Laker (21-14) their best.

Ron Crook (21-13) and Denis Jones (21-15) were on-form as CRIFTINS A prevailed 8-2 (153-129) at home to Johnstown B.

Elsewhere, Overton A were 7-3 (138-129) victors against visiting Llangollen A while Ruaben A won 6-4 (15 shots) away to Corwen A.

LLANYMYNECH A were the biggest winners in division two as they stormed to a 9-1 (162-110) victory at home to WHITTINGTON B to move joint top.

Paul Smith won 21-8 and Roger Candlin 21-9, while Mark Kirkham (21-10) made it three wins out of three, Pete Humber (21-15) did likewise for the visitors.

CHURCH B lost 8-2 (158-113) at Cynwyd A, Graham Mansfield and William Lewis both winning to 16.

LLANRHAEDR A went down 8-2 (152-114) at Flexsys A, Steve Jones pulling one back to eight.

YE OLDE CROFTE prevailed 7-3 (139-118) at home to ELLESMERE B as Bryan Parry won 21-6, Doug McCoy (21-8) responding.

CRIFTINS B slumped 8-2 (156-125) at Bersham despite Dave Jones winning to 13.

# Tennis men start with an away victory

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's summer Shropshire League season has got under way with the men's seconds were the first team out in the fray with a narrow victory away to their Market Drayton counterparts.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of captain David Clough and partner Nick Elliott lost out to the first pair 5-7, 1-6, but the second pair of Gilbert Woolley and Brett Hollywell beat the opposing second pair for the loss of only one game 6-1, 6-0 leaving the honours even going into the reverse rubbers.

Clough and Elliott also beat the Drayton second pair by the same score line 6-1, 6-0, but Woolley and Hollywell found themselves in a battle with the Drayton first pair.

They took the first set 7-5, but dropped the second set 3-6 to take the rubber to a deciding third set tie-break which they narrowly lost.

With the final score at five sets to four in favour of Oswestry, the team came away with a six points to two victory.

# Whittington back on field after rally call

A local cricket club of more than 150 years' standing has reformed - and it's a real family affair.

Whittington, near Oswestry, have entered a side in the Shropshire League again after being forced to disband last year.

The club, who celebrated their 150th anniversary in 2008 and produced England and Warwickshire batsman Andy Lloyd, struggled to fulfil their fixtures last season and eventually decided to call it a day.

But captain Jonny Mitchell has been successful in resurrecting the team and a side has been entered in the Shropshire League Reserve Division Three. "Some of the original members drifted away," said cricket secretary Trina Lewis.

"Most of the old players have come back."



## Morda late drama sees them beat Llanfair



Adam Jones – two goals

LAST-GASP Morda United produced a terrific display to knock Llanfair United reserves out of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League Cup with a dramatic 4-3 second round victory.

Two outstanding free-kicks from Adam Jones, fine strikes from Will Bristow and Harry Davies, a shrewd tactical switch and a battling team performance enabled the Weston Road side to come back from two goals down with the winner coming just 20 seconds from extra time.

In the early stages, both teams struggled on a bumpy pitch, but Morda took the lead in the ninth minute when Bristow scored his first goal of the season with an accurate looping shot from long range. From then on, the visitors were the better side with Emlyn Williams and Harry Davies controlling midfield.

Against the run of play, Llanfair equalised with their first shot of the game when George Jones found the bottom corner of the net.

Playing with the wind, Morda retained supremacy after the break but suffered a setback when another Jones effort found the net off a defender, before Jones then completed his hat-trick with a fine finish from a through ball.

The visitors were undeterred by the two-goal deficit as manager Colin Turner moved John Butler from left back to play in front of the back four.

This snuffed out any further threat from the hosts and Morda soon pulled a goal back when Adam Jones found the net direct from a long range free kick.

Harry Davies put Morda level as they maintained the pressure and, with just 20 seconds left, Jones snatched victory for his side with another superb free kick.

Earlier in the week, a late goal from George Turner secured a creditable 1-1 draw away to second in the table Meifod.

A win and a draw against the top two teams in their last two matches have shown that Morda can face their remaining games with confidence.

# Llan hit for six and are looking doomed

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**LOWLY** Llanfair United slipped closer to a swift relegation from the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after crashing 6-1 away to high flying Caernarfon.

Defeat left United second from bottom, and five points adrift of Caersws who notched a vital 2-0 win at Holywell Town to take a massive step towards safety. Llanfair, by contrast, are now getting close to the point of no return, having to win at least two of their last three games and hope their Powys rivals slip up.

Caernarfon, stung by the news that they will not gain promotion to the Welsh Premier despite flying high at the top of the table, were out to prove a point.

A goal in each half from ex-Welshpool and Newtown forward Jamie Breese set up the home win, while Jay Gibbs, Graham Austin and Darren Thomas were also on target as the hosts were 5-0 to the good inside the hour.

Llanfair, to their credit, refused to buckle, and pulled one back through James Davies seven minutes from time, before Rob Jones completed the Canaries' tally late on.

Earlier in the week, United had missed a chance of leaping out of the bottom three after suffering a slender 2-1 loss at Holywell Town, Davies again their marksman.

Caersws boosted their hopes of escaping the drop after pulling off a priceless 2-0 win at Holywell Town.

With only two teams now likely to drop down, the Bluebirds could pull off a great escape thanks to their efforts away from home this season.

Two goals midway through the first half sealed the win at Holywell, Mark Griffiths getting the first on 21 minutes when firing home a Will Thomas cross before the roles were reversed as Thomas notched a second four minutes later.

After that, the Bluebirds were comfortable and Griffiths and Thomas had chances to have increased the margin.

Mold Alex are looking safe after their 2-1 home verdict against already relegated Rhayader Town who had taken the lead through Rhydian Morris on 20 minutes.

GUILDSFIELD's inconsistent form continued with a 1-0 loss at Holyhead Hotspur, with an own goal from James Henderson five minutes before half-time enough to separate the sides.

Chances were few and far between in tough conditions, with a hard, bobbly pitch not conducive to flowing football.

The Guils had a few early opportunities through Nathan Leonard, but those apart they struggled to find a way through a big and strong rearguard that defended their own 18-yard box well.

With three games remaining, the Guils will be out of get back on track as they bid to consolidate their fourth place in the table.

They were at home to promotion chasing Cefn Druids in midweek, before finishing the season with an at home clash against Holywell Town on Saturday followed by an encounter with Prestatyn Town.

Dan Barton's side have also reached the final of the Central Wales Cup so have a golden chance to add some silverware.

### Saturday's fixtures

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30): Cefn Druids v Caernarfon Town, Flint Town Utd v Llanfair United, Guilsfield v Holywell Town, Mold Alex v Gresford Athletic, Rhayader Town v Conwy Borough.

## Ladies celebrating at the double



Trophy time – the TNS Ladies side get the party started after adding the cup to their league title

THERE was more silverware for The New Saints Ladies who completed the West Midlands Regional Premier "double" after overcoming Lye Town 4-0 in the league cup final at Stone Dominoes.

After the Saints lifted the league title the previous weekend at Wednesfield Town, their attention turned to the final against one of only two sides to take points against them this season, having previously drawn 0-0 away.

After a slow start in which Lye had an effort ruled out for offside, the league champions grew into the game as they went on to run out convincing winners as Sarah Burke netted twice, with Emily Ridge and substitute Sam Berry also on target.

The Saints created several chances before taking a half time

lead when a through ball by Sophie Davies saw Ridge drive into the box before being taken out by the Lye defender, and Burke smashed home the resulting penalty.

Full of confidence, the Saints continued the second half as they had ended the first and, within three minutes, Burke doubled the advantage.

Maddie Jones' corner was cleared straight back to the same player who crossed back in for Burke to head into the roof of the net.

The Shropshire side then added a third through leading goalscorer Ridge who latched onto Charlotte Canlett's through ball and her shot rattled the bar and left hand post before finding its way over the line.

The Saints rounded off the scoring through substitute Berry

in stoppage time when she calmly slotted into the net after Amy Tomei had chipped a ball over the top of the defence.

"What a game," said TNS Ladies manager Joe Thompson.

"We started very slowly and Lye got a goal that no one else thought was offside, luckily for us the linesman did.

"After that though we showed what we can do. We're buzzing to have completed the double and we can now focus on getting the third trophy of the year."

The Saints now face Kingshurst Sporting Club Ladies away on Sunday in the final game of the league season before their Shropshire Cup final with Shrewsbury Town Ladies next Thursday.

Youth results: Worthen Juniors Girls under-12s 1 TNS Ladies under-12s 2; Hereford Ladies Club Girls under-14s 0 TNS Ladies under-14s 0; Coventry United Ladies under-18s 2 TNS Ladies under-18s 6.

## Llan slip again as the visitors make Hay

LLANRHAEDR paid the price for defensive lapses as they slumped to a 3-1 home loss to Hay St Mary's in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

After bowing out of the Central Wales Cup with a 2-1 semi-final defeat at Guilsfield a few days before, Llan had been hoping to give themselves some cheer in the league despite missing five regulars.

But they suffered a disappointing loss, leaving them five points adrift in fifth spot as Brendan Hackett made the most of some defensive slips to score twice for the in-form visitors who have now won 15 out of 16 games in all competitions.

Rob Snedden was also on the mark while Llan, who trailed 2-0 at half time, were given hope with a well taken reply from Iwan Matthews.

Struggling MONTGOMERY, heading for division two next season, succumbed 4-0 at title chasing Penrhynoch whose Jonathan Evans scored twice, along with Owain James and Josh Shaw.

Penrhyn, needing two wins from their remaining three outings, are now firm favourites to lift the crown after leaders Knighton Town slumped to a damaging 2-1 loss at Machynlleth.

Llanidloes Town ended a mixed season on a positive note with a 1-0 win at Aberaeron as Josh Evans bagged the only goal of the game.

Earlier in the week, Carmo also dented Knighton's title bid after the sides finished 1-1. Andrew Evans on the mark for the villagers, while Penrhynoch closed the gap after winning 3-0 at Llanidloes Town.

Newly crowned champions BERRIEW appear in no mood to ease off as they maintained their winning ways with a 4-0 beating of Penybont, with Josh Gethin an unlikely hat-trick hero and Chris Carroll getting the other.

DYFFRYN BANW continued their recent resurgence with a 1-0 success at Borth United while Aberystwyth University's promotion hopes faded after going down 3-1 at Newbridge.

Niall Jones on target for the students.

■ The annual general meeting of the Spar Mid Wales League will be held at Llanidloes Golf Club on Monday, June 6 at 7.30pm.

## Saints book semi spot in late drama

A LATTE goal flurry took St Martins into the semi-finals of the West Midlands League division one cup with a 3-1 victory against Wem Town at Park Hall.

Despite having their chances and producing some neat build-up play, the wasteful Saints struggled for the breakthrough with visiting keeper Ryan Ford in solid form.

And they appeared to have paid the price for their missed opportunities when Wem - who had some regulars missing - took the lead in the 82nd minute when Matty Owen finished off a flowing move with an excellent strike.

This sparked St Martins, who were back on terms two minutes later with a good finish from Tim Allen, before getting their noses in front through Liam McGovern who scored via the post in a goalmouth scramble in the last minute.

With Wem throwing everyone upfield for a corner in injury time in a bid to salvage the tie, the Saints struck on the break as McGovern raced clear to slot into an empty net for his second goal of the game.

Victory took Ryan Butcher's side into the semi-finals where they will visit Kington Town on Saturday, May 14.

Earlier in the week, the Saints - who host Bustleholme in their last action in the West Midlands League division one on Saturday - went down 3-1 at Wednesfield to dent hopes of a top four finish.

## Town book up spot in third final of year

FC OSWESTRY Town booked their third final of the season after overcoming Wrockwardine Wood 2-1 in the Mercian Regional League Premier division cup.

Town started brightly with in-form striker Jack Harris causing problems for the Telford team, and midway through half it was Harris who broke the deadlock when he was picked out by Al Morris, and with a fine first touch the ball was fired home in a instant.

The lead was doubled before half time when Gwy Guilford headed home from close range courtesy of a Cal Williams cross.

The second half saw Wrockwardine rally and soon they clawed a goal back, but Town had further chances through Harris, Tommy Lewis, Ollly Jones and Guilford.

Town now face league rivals Allscott in the final at Telford's Bucks Head on Saturday (3.15) as they look to maintain their triumphant campaign.

# Five-star TNS sign off with a flourish

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

"The week before was a poor performance, we did not do ourselves justice, and I think it was important to sign off the league in style and show what we're about.

"In the second half I felt we really came into our own, passed the ball really well and the link-up play with the midfield players was excellent.

"It's given me a few headaches for the cup final, but I've always said I want the players to make my life as hard as possible."

The five-star victory at Llandudno was the perfect way to finish another successful league campaign that saw the Saints lift the title for a fifth successive season.

Cieslewicz proved the chief tormentor with his treble, while Robbie Parry and Aeron Edwards also found the net after Llandudno had levelled through Liam Dawson right on half time.

The Saints were soon on the front foot as they looked to atone for the Airbus defeat the week before, and sounded an early warning when Cieslewicz's powerful shot was kept out by a terrific save from keeper Dave Roberts.

Moments later, the visitors carved another opening as Scott Quigley found space only for his low shot to be palmed out by Roberts.

But their efforts paid dividends on 27 minutes when Chris Sergeant sent an inviting cross into the box and Cieslewicz headed home from six yards out to give the full-timers the lead.

That looked to be enough to separate the sides at the break but, a minute before the half time break, Connell Rawlinson's defensive slip allowed Liam Dawson the chance to level matters which he duly accepted.

Both sides pushed forward after the break as they looked to sign off in winning style, with Sergeant curling a free kick over the bar for TNS before providing the assist on 64 minutes when his powerful drive was deflected into the goal by Edwards to give the visitors the lead for the second time in the game.

With Llandudno now at full stretch, the Saints made the most of their chances as they rattled in three more goals in the last 12 minutes to seal an emphatic victory.

Cieslewicz made it 3-1 with his second goal of the game on 78 minutes after slotting in from close range having been picked out by Parry who himself got on the scoresheet two minutes later when his long range effort beat Roberts in goal.

The scoring was completed six minutes from time as the lively Cieslewicz rounded off a tremendous day personally and for the team by completing his hat-trick in style.





## Cricketers to chase a rare home victory

OSWESTRY'S cricketers will look for some home comforts this season when they start life in the Birmingham League division two on Saturday with the visit of Harborne (noon).

The Morda Road side have dropped down a level after finishing bottom of division one. And first up is a Harborne side that was also relegated last term.

Having not won at home in the league since their opening fixture in 2014, 'Os will be keen to improve their fortunes.

Xavie Clarke, a 15-year-old batsman and leg spinner, will make his first team debut along with second team wicket-keeper Luke Jones as the club wait to complete the signing of a South African keeper. Robbie Clarke and Joe Carrasco are unavailable and Sam Huxley injured.

Oswestry go into the game in good fettle after a crushing 199-run win over Newport in last weekend's friendly.

Warrick Fynn, who retired on 103, and Scott Hale (37) put on 140 for the first wicket as the hosts racked up 269-7 in 50 overs with Robbie Clarke (32) and Ollie Clarke (21) also chipping in.

Newport were rolled over for 70 in reply with skipper Jonathan Miles, now back to full pace, taking 3-9 while there were two wickets apiece for Charlie Morris and Dan Bowen.

Newly promoted OSWESTRY II face a fresh challenge this season when they embark on life in the 2nd XI division one. Their first action is their longest trip of the season, to Kenilworth Wards.

The first league action at Morda Road saw OSWESTRY III take a winning draw against Alberbury III in the Shropshire League Sunday division one.

Put in, the hosts rattled up 296-3 in 40 overs with opener and skipper Iwan Roberts smashing 125, Martin Chambers 42 not out and Steve Humphreys 37. In reply, Alberbury closed on 138-8, opening bowler James O'Reilly taking 4-31.

Meanwhile, Oswestry's Joe Clarke cracked a century in his first innings of the season for Worcestershire against Gloucestershire in the County Championship division two.

## Collapse sends Pool to opening defeat

WELSHPOOL suffered a dramatic collapse as they were downed by five wickets at Bishop's Castle in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two.

Asked to bat first on the opening day of the season, Pool looked to be in good shape as they passed 50 for the loss of just one wicket.

They then moved to 67-2 before the next eight wickets fell in quick succession for the addition of just 15 runs as the visitors were sent back for a meagre 82.

Opener Nick Davies provided chief resistance with 34 while Matthew Knight (12) was the only other batsman to get into double figures.

Richard Powell was chief destroyer for Castle with 6-20.

The home side made steady progress towards their modest target through Richard Plant (27) and Jonathan Price (24 not out), and got home in comfort despite the loss of some late wickets, Robert Anderson taking 3-34 for Pool.

# TNS LOOK FOR CLEAN SWEEP

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**MANAGER** Craig Harrison is relishing the chance of writing another chapter in The New Saints' success story with historic back-to-back domestic trebles.

The Welsh Premier champions can make it a clean sweep of three trophies for the second season running as they continue to set new records.

With the league title and Word League Cup already in the bag, all that stands between them and another silverware hat-trick are Welsh Cup final opponents Airbus UK.

The two sides square up on Monday's final at Wrexham (4.15pm), with TNS out to lift the prestigious trophy for a third successive season.

Harrison is confident his side can again deliver the goods, despite their recent 3-2 league loss away to the Wingmakers.

"If we can win back-to-back trebles it will be very special as it has never been done before, so we will be creating another piece of TNS history," he said.

"People have been saying this is the best TNS side ever. If we do win the treble again, then I think there is no doubt this is the best squad in the history of the club. This will be our biggest achievement domestically.

### Confident

"I said to the players a couple of weeks ago that I want you to make it as hard as possible for me when I come to select the team for the final. The competition for places has been the driving force behind our success for some time now."

Harrison says his side will be in confident mood after shrugging off the Airbus reverse with a 5-1 victory at third-placed Llandudno in their final league action last Saturday.

That victory scuppered their rivals' hopes of finishing runners-up and gaining automatic qualification for the Europa League, although the Seasideers can still book their ticket should TNS lift the Welsh Cup.

Adrian Cieslewicz staked his claim for a place in the final line-up with a hat-trick while fellow winger Jamie Mullan is back in contention after his hamstring injury. The main doubt is left-back Chris Marriott, rated 50-50 following a leg infection that has kept him out of the last two games.

Harrison was delighted with the players' response against Llandudno. "The week before against Airbus, we did not do ourselves justice," he said.

"So it was important to sign off the league in style and show what we're about and show why we are champions.

"But Airbus will be a tough game, they are a good team and deservedly beat us a couple of weeks ago. They've got all their key players back (from injury) and it's going to be a difficult game for us."

It's a first appearance in the final for Airbus, whose dangerous players include striker Tony Gray who has netted 18 league goals this season to finish second in the league scoring chart.

## Atherton's just wizard in Oz



Champagne moment – Rachel Atherton on the podium after winning in Australia

## Straight eight World Cup wins as star stretches out her lead

THERE'S no stopping high-riding Rachel Atherton who stormed to her eighth consecutive Downhill World Cup victory by over seven seconds.

The Llanrhaeadr mountain bike ace produced another blistering performance as the UCI MTB World Cup series moved to Cairns, Australia.

The Trek Factory Racing ace again proved too hot to handle as she made it eight straight wins – and her 28th World Cup success to date – to enhance her claim to become the most decorated UK mountain-biker in the history of the sport.

In the process, Atherton extended her lead in the UCI Womens Downhill standings and now has 490 points, 135 clear of fellow Brits Tahnee Seagrave (355) and Manon Carpenter (350).

After the wet weather made the going tough in qualification, the riders were delighted to see finals day dawn sunny and drier.

The track was running fast, but even in the

drier conditions the "rock garden" – a huge obstacle near the top of the course – was catching out several riders, including fourth seed Emeline Siegenthaler.

However, local rider Tracy Hannah had no such problems as she sailed through in exemplary fashion to take the hot seat by six seconds in three minutes, 55.664 seconds.

Only Carpenter and Atherton were left to ride, but Carpenter was unable to crack Hannah's time as she crossed the line in 3:58.372 for an eventual third position.

Atherton won her previous visit to the Cairns World Cup and carried good speed throughout with a powerful display that saw her cross the line in 3:48.566 – over seven seconds clear of the field.

After the race an exhausted Atherton said: "I'm ecstatic to win, but at the same time there's a part of me that's gutted for Tracy – I know how emotional it is to win on your home turf" and she rode a great race."

## Guils put on the spot by penalty loss

A PENALTY proved enough to sentence Guilsfield to their third successive Cymru Alliance defeat as they were edged out 1-0 at home to promotion hopefuls Cefn Druids.

Keeper Dave Littleford was adjudged to have fouled in the box, and Dave Forbes duly tucked away the penalty in the 33rd minute of the teams' midweek clash.

But the Guils will feel they did enough to gain some reward with a spirited second-half display that saw visiting keeper Louis Mackin make fine saves to deny Andy Ford and Jake Cook.

The villagers are home to Holywell Town in their penultimate outing on Saturday as they look to stop the slide.

Meanwhile, LLANFAIR UNITED are running out of time in which to preserve their Cymru Alliance status – and need to win at least two of their remaining three games.

They slumped deeper into the mire with a 6-1 loss at high-flying Caernarfon Town who had a point to prove after being refused promotion to the Welsh Premier despite being poised to win the league.

"They were too good and, had we not kept going, it could have been double figures," said Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens. "We will not give up, and we still believe that two wins from our last three games will keep us up."

One piece of good news for Llanfair is that they remain top of the Cymru Alliance fair play league, four points above second-placed Guilsfield.

Llanfair were continuing their survival battle at home to Conwy Borough on Wednesday night before travelling to Flint on Saturday.

## Play-offs beckon as Os miss out on title

OSWESTRY must turn to the play-offs for promotion after narrowly missing out on rugby's Cheshire South title.

The Eagles had no league action and leaders Manchester Medics won their game in hand 18-10 against third-placed Dukinfield to seal the title and their place in the South Lancs and Cheshire One next season.

Oswestry are guaranteed runners-up spot and will face either Southport or Ruskin Park from Merseyside West to decide who goes up. They will want to sign off their league season with victory in their final league match at Warrington club Eagle on Saturday to put them in good shape for the play-offs.

The only difference between the top two contenders were bonus points as they both have similar records, but the Medics picked up 19 bonus points to Oswestry's 13.

A depleted Os side bowed out of the North Mids Plate with an 18-0 quarter-final exit to higher-division Droitwich – their first home loss of the season.

COBRA, meanwhile, stand on the brink of safety in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after crucial 21-9 home success against Abercree.

Doigellau – whom the Meifod men host next Wednesday – now need to win their last four games if they are to escape the drop.

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